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Edgefield County Historical Society, Corp.

SUMMER MEETING

Genealogy of

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Nicholson and Allied  
Families

DEDICATION OF MONUMENT

to

Wright Nicholson

OLD NICHOLSON CEMETERY



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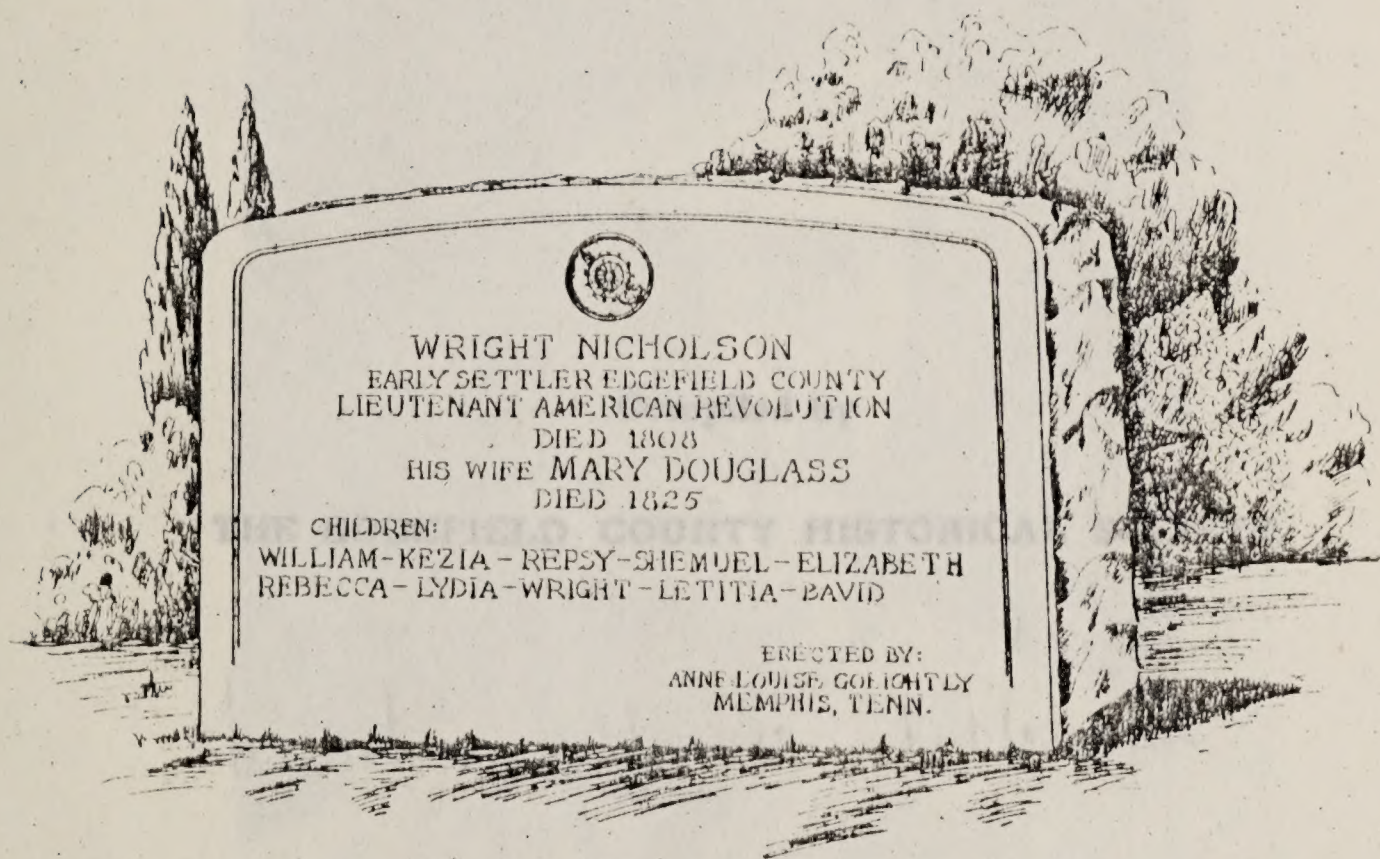
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MONUMENT TO LIEUT. WRIGHT NICHOLSON  
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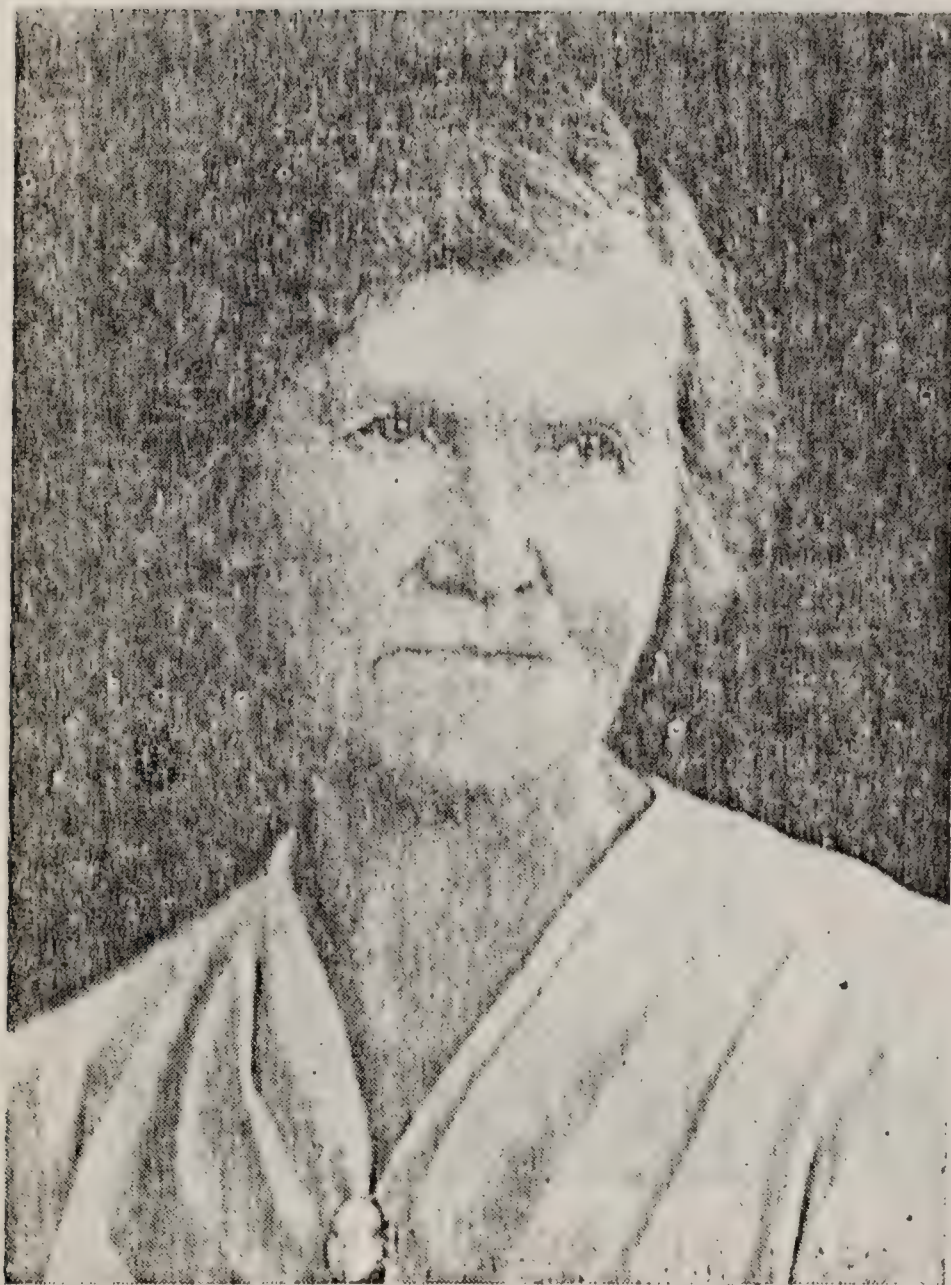
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MISS ANNE LOUISE GOLIGHTLY

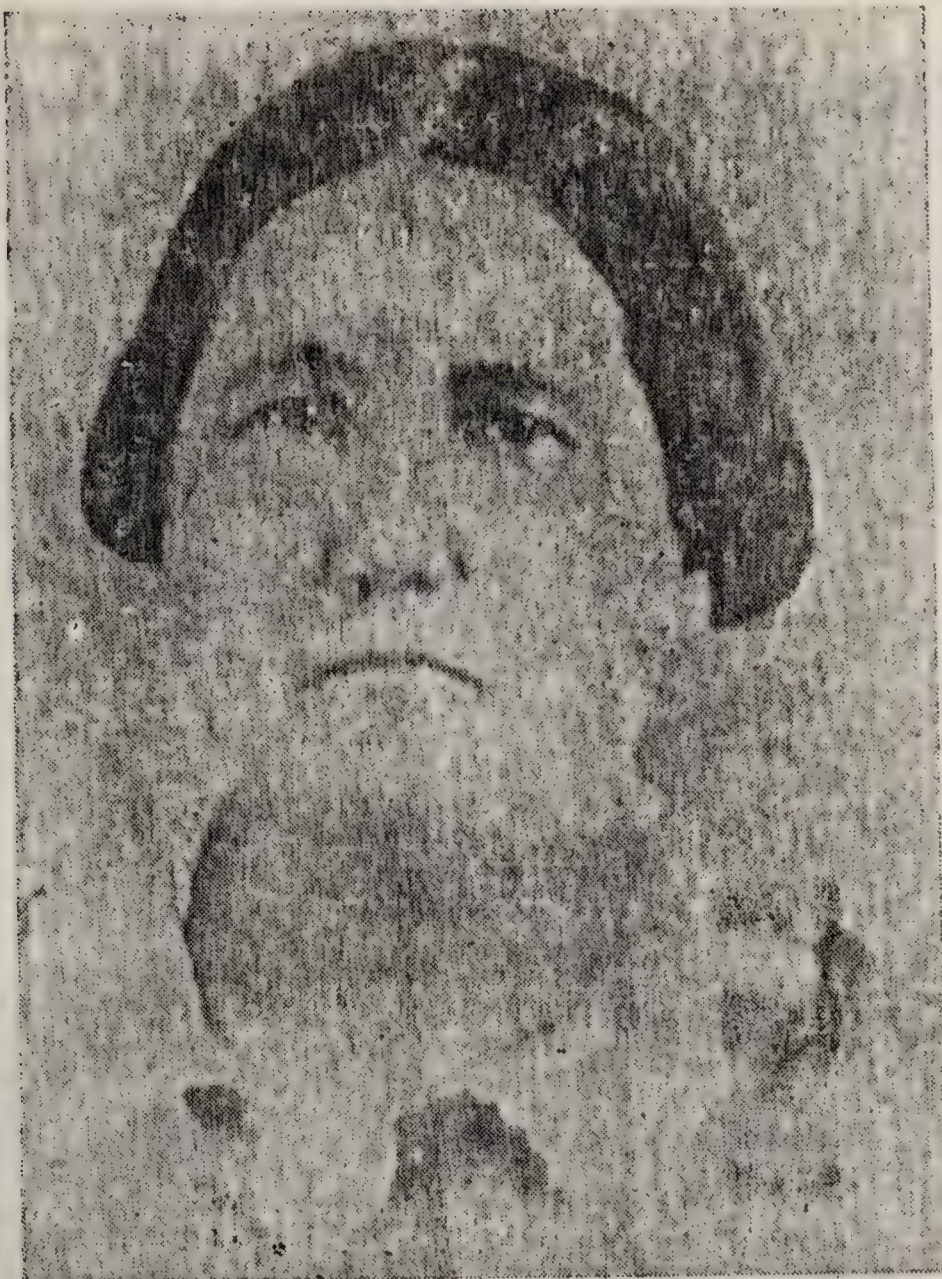
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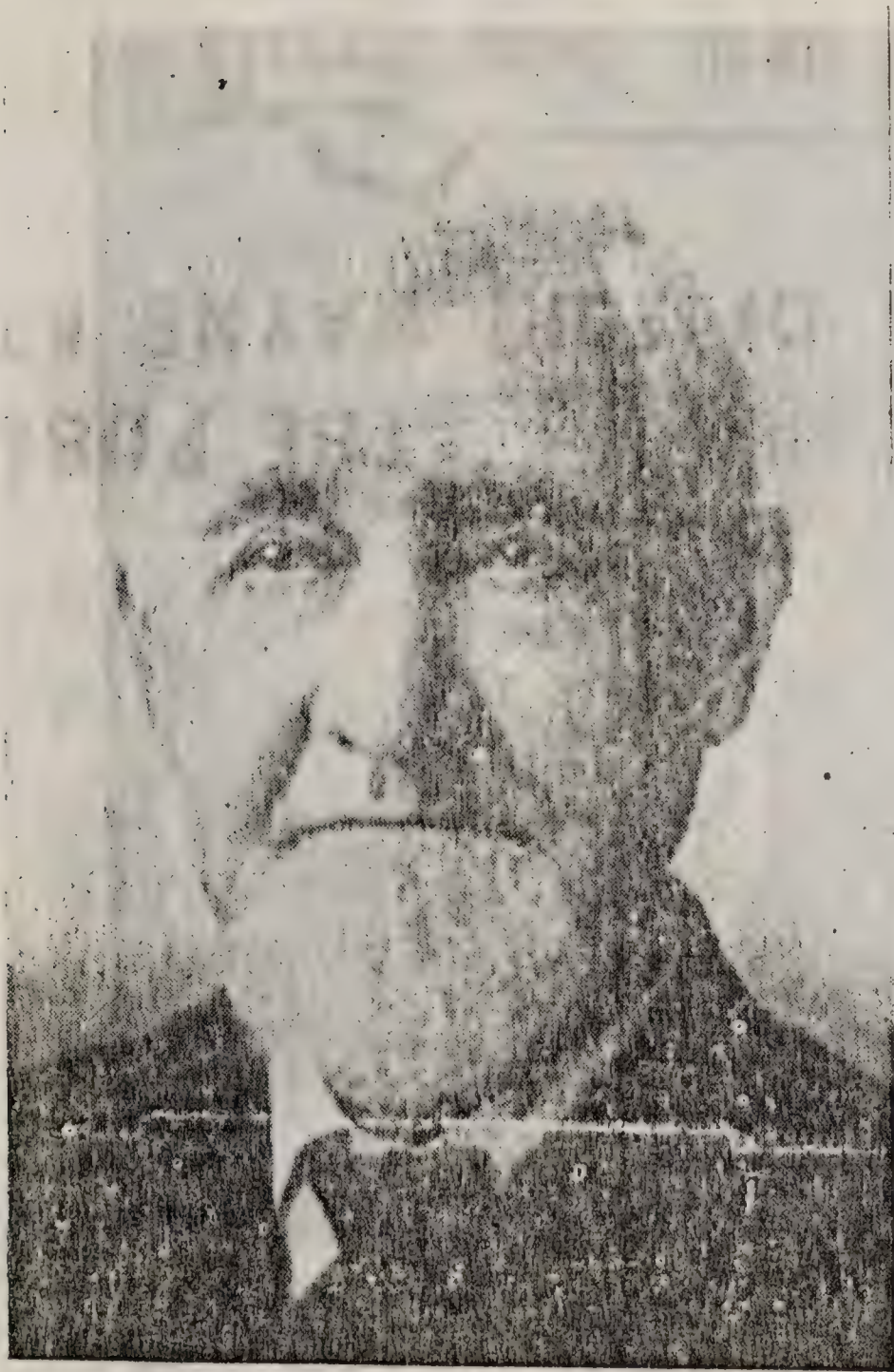
FRANCES WILSON (MRS. MILTON BLOCKER)

Daughter of Kezia Nicholson Wilson and Robert Wilson. Sister of Sarah Elizabeth Wilson Golightly. Granddaughter of Wright Nicholson. She was born in Edgefield County.









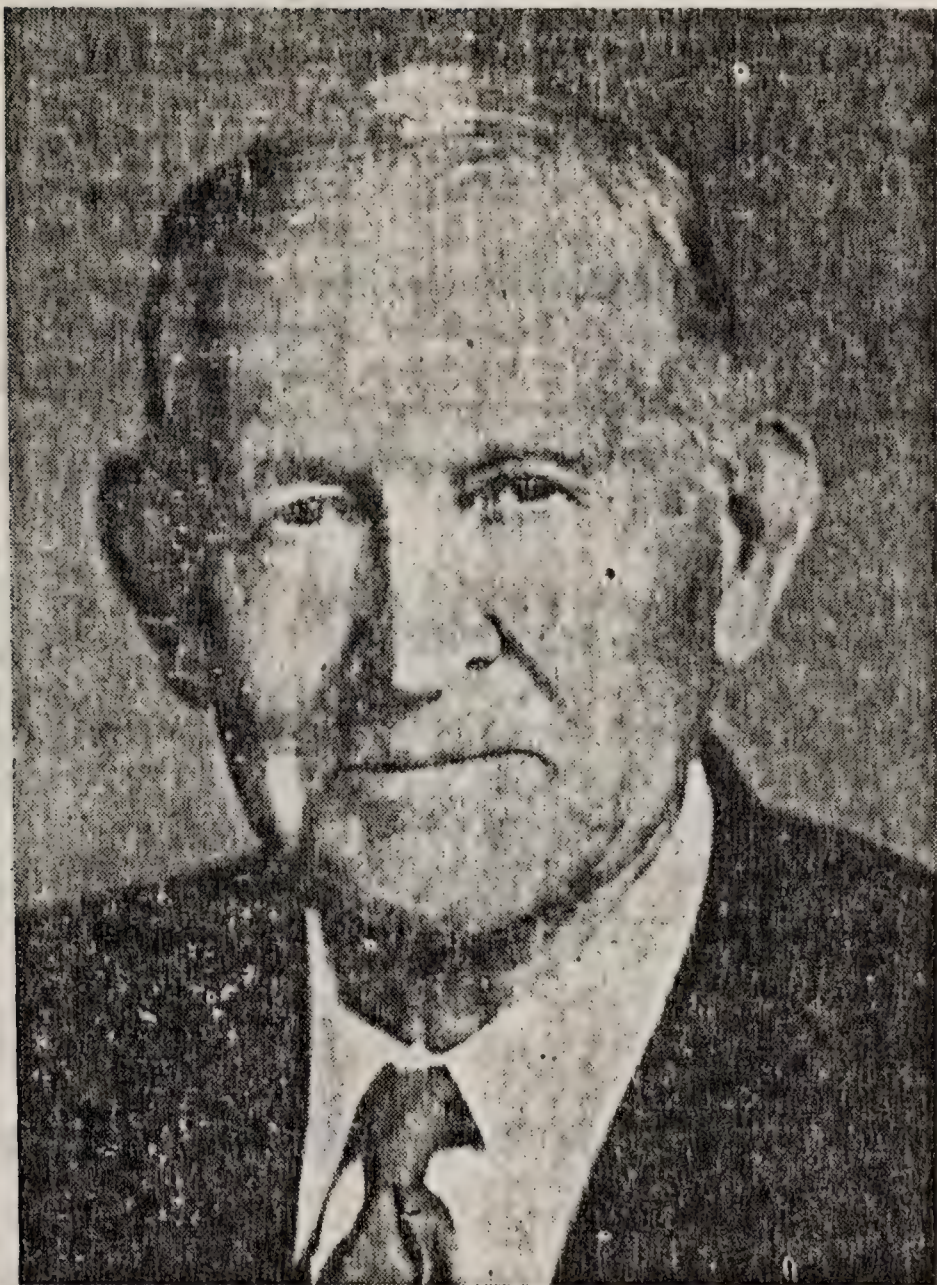
ROBERT HUGH GOLIGHTLY, SR.

Son of Sarah Elizabeth Wilson Golightly and Hugh Golightly. Grandson of Keziah Nicholson Wilson and Robert Wilson. Great-grandson of Wright Nicholson of Edgefield.









ROBERT HUGH GOLIGHTLY, JR.

Son of Robert Hugh Golightly and Amanda Louisa Hill Golightly, Great-grandson of Robert Wilson and Keziah Nicholson Wilson. Great-great-grandson of Lieut. Wright Nicholson of Edgefield, S. C.







# Programme

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## SUMMER MEETING OF THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY—FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1944

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10:30 A. M.—At Cemetery on Nicholson Plantation near "Elmwood,"  
Ancestral Home of Nicholsons, located about 10 miles above  
Edgefield, S. C., off Meeting Street Road

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Mrs. Mamie Norris Tillman, Presiding

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Song, "America."

Invocation—Rev. Henry Bell White, Pastor of Little Stevens Creek  
Church, where family of Wright Nicholson worshipped.

Dedication Ceremony—Miss Hortense Woodson.

Unveiling of Monument to Wright Nicholson—Misses Gladys Greneker  
and Martha Rainsford.

Quartet: "How Firm a Foundation"—Mrs. Carroll Rainsford, Mrs. A.  
R. Nicholson, Rev. L. D. Bolt, Rev. P. H. Anderson, Jr.

Presentation of Monument—Miss Anne Louise Golightly.

Response—Mrs. Martha Nicholson Rainsford.

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Programme will be continued at Little Stevens Creek Baptist Church  
as follows:

Short Sketch of Early Nicholsons of North Carolina—Miss Louise  
Jelks Sills.

Introduction of Visitors.

Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers."

Closing Remarks by Mrs. J. L. Mims.

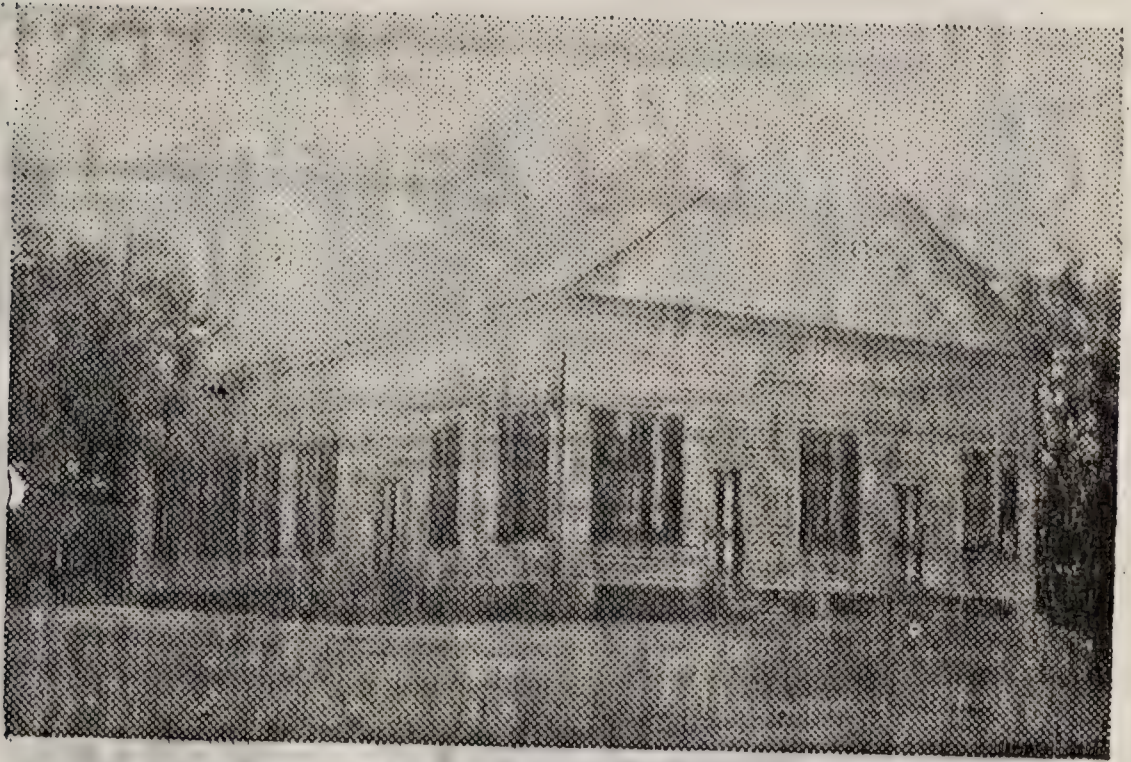
Adjournment.

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Barbecue furnished by Mr. E. M. Timmerman in grove of church at  
1 o'clock. Gentlemen, \$1.00; ladies 50 cents.







LITTLE STEVENS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Established 1789. Place of worship of many  
descendants of Wright Nicholson.







"ELMWOOD"

Shemuel Nicholson I built this home for his son, Shemuel Wright Nicholson.





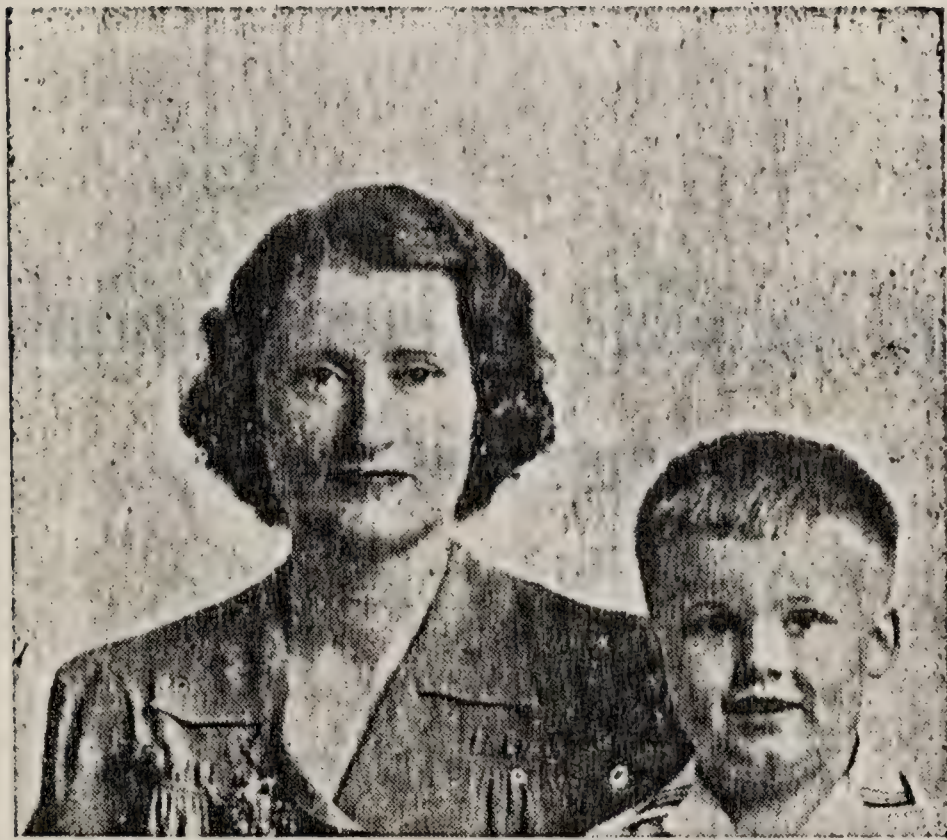


MRS. J. N. BROWN

Historian of Keziah, David, and Wright Nicholson branches of the family.







MRS. P. D. SMITH AND SON, ANDREW  
Descendants of Keziah Nicholson Wilson





# Historical Data of the Nicholson-Adams, and Allied Families

By Mrs. J. L. MIMS







MRS. J. L. MIMS





## INTRODUCTION

A good deed has unlimited consequences. Various events have come from the magnanimous offer of Miss Anne Louise Golightly of Memphis, Tenn., to place a lasting monument to her ancestor, Wright Nicholson, and the ancestor of all the Nicholsons and allied families in Edgefield County and many States of the Union.

Miss Golightly visited Edgefield about two years ago and saw Mrs. T. H. Rainsford and visited Cedar Grove, where she met Mrs. H. N. Greneker, Miss Sallie Mae Nicholson and Mr. R. H. Nicholson. Accompanying her were her sister, Mrs. Wilma Persons, and brother, Mr. Hugh Golightly of Memphis, Tenn.

Last summer Mrs. P. D. Smith of White Bluff, Tenn., and Memphis came to join her husband, Captain Smith, at Camp Gordon, Ga. While Mrs. Smith was there she realized that she was only twenty-five miles from Edgefield, where her ancestor, Wright Nicholson, had come as a pioneer to clear up the forests and help settle Edgefield. She wanted to find all the sources of information and see the spot if possible on which he settled and the place where he was buried.

The exact location of his grave was unknown at that time. Dr. Joseph Quincy Adams had written his kinswoman, Mrs. J. L. Mims, in 1913 giving a clue to the identity of certain graves in the old Nicholson cemetery. (It was not till the summer of 1944 when Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman and Mrs. Mims met a representative of a Greenwood marble company at the cemetery, that the graves of Wright Nicholson and his

son-in-law, Thomas Adams, were found.)

On a later visit that summer (1943), Mrs. Smith went, with other interested relatives, to see Mr. Charles A. Nicholson, and the brothers, William and Augustus Norris who occupy the original land granted to Wright Nicholson. Mr. Nicholson showed the visitors the first spot on which Wright Nicholson settled, about two miles from his present home.

The first dwelling had been a house with a dirt floor. Later he built the house about two miles from that, which later was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dobson, where Charles R. Dobson and Mrs. W. A. Strom were born. This was a large house with two stories but is no longer standing.

In December 1943, the President of the Edgefield County Historical Society, Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman, knowing of this intention of Miss Golightly and that the writer of this Nicholson genealogy was greatly interested in the family project, asked that a series of articles be prepared on the Nicholson family. Material had been gathered for forty years on this subject by copying Bible and court records, wills, and correspondence with descendants in other States. It was easy to make a beginning with material all ready collected, so the first article appeared in The Edgefield Advertiser of Dec. 22, 1943. It was contemplated that this would only be information for the archives of the Historical Society; but the data has grown to book size. This booklet which is in concentrated form has been a labor of love.

FLORENCE ADAMS MIMS  
Edgefield, S. C.





I  
**WRIGHT NICHOLSON  
 AND HIS ANCESTRY**

**I—Wright Nicholson & Ancestry--**

The first authentic history of this branch of the Nicholson family was contributed by Mrs. J. N. Brown, 356 Avalon St., Memphis, Tenn.

In the last year and a half, 1941-42, the following Nicholson history has come to me from Miss Louise Sills, Nashville, N. C., where her brother is Clerk of the Superior Court. She is a descendant of Lemuel Nicholson, a captain in the Revolution.

My ancestor, Wright Nicholson, was not born in Scotland or England as we have thought, but in America. His birthplace may have been in Norfolk County, Va., where his grandfather, Wm. Nicholson, died in 1728, or in North Carolina, since the will of his father, George Nicholson, is on file in Nashville, Nash County, N. C., in Will Book 1, page 12.

In Grimes Abstract of North Carolina Wills, William Nicholson witnessed a will in 1698. No county mentioned, but Miss Sills thinks it must have been in a North Carolina county adjoining Norfolk County, Va., where William Nicholson lived.

From Brief Abstract of Norfolk County, Va., Wills, 1710-1753, page 118, we have:

William Nicholson of Norfolk Co., Va., Original will dated Feb. 24, 1728; proven May 17, 1728.

...unto my loving son William Nicholson the manor plantation and houses whereon I now live together with all houses and lands on the western or westward side of the holly bush branch excepting the new brick house which I shall hereafter direct and dispose of... after the decease of my loving wife Alice.

...unto my loving son Thomas

(Tom) Nicholson all my land on the Eastward side of the Holly Bush branch... my gunn called my short gunn.

...unto my sons George and Lemuel Nicholson all my land lying and being on the north side of the Gum Swamp Run in Princess Anne Co. to be divided in the manner following, that is to say, marking a line of trees from a place on the said land called the Cow Ponns unto another place called Little Run; and that part of the land on the North side of said line, be it more or less I give unto my son Lemuel... and on the South side of said line, lett it be more or less I give unto my son George... the true intent and meaning of this my last will and testament is that neither of said sons George and Lemuel Nicholson shall sell or dispose of any part of said land to any out of the name of Nicholson and likewise that my sons, William, Thomas and John Nicholson shall have privilege to drive on and off the said land their hoggs.

...unto my son John Nicholson a negro named Fortune and my painted stock gun.

...unto my grandson Joshua Nicholson, the son of my son William, the first childe that my negro girle Kate brings that lives to be twelve months old.

...unto my daughter Elizabeth my negro girle called Kate.

...unto my daughter Anne Butte my negro girle, Unity.

...unto my daughter Mary Langley a negro boy.

...unto my daughter, Abigaill, a negro girle.

...unto my daughter, Dinah, a negro girle.

...unto my daughters, Elizabeth, Abigaill and Sarah after the death of my wife Alice, the new brick house for all of them to live in until they are married.





...wife Alice Nicholson ... my executrix ... my son William Nicholson my executor.

William Nicholson (wax seal)  
Witnesses: Thos. Butte, Nath'l Tatum, George Sparrow, Peter Lowe.

Page 219 same book, Alice Nicholson of the Co. of Norfolk in the Colony of Virginia... widow.

In Will Book H, p. 242, dated Nov. 24, 1741 and proven Mar 16, 1748 by Malachi Nicholson, is the will of Alice Nicholson.

Probate granted George Nicholson, Executor, and therein named; Lemuel Nicholson one of the executors, refused the burthen.

...unto my son George one feather bed.

...a black suit of clothes to George's wife.

...my son Lemuel a feather bed.

...to my grandson Josnua, one feather bed.

...to my grandson William one breeding cow.

My two sons George and Lemuel sole executors.

Alice Nicholson (her mark)

Codicil Nov. 24, 1742. ... unto my grandson Wilson Nicholson one case with bottles which was formerly my son John Nicholson's, now dead.

Witnesses:

James Timberlake

Dinah Nicholson

Malachi Nicholson

William Nicholson who calls himself Senr" is really Wm. Nicholson II who died about three years after his father and ten years before his mother, Alice N., made her will.

Page 127. Will of William Nicholson, Senr., of Norfolk County, Va. Dated June 19, 1731, proven Nov. 19, 1731.

...to my eldest son William

Nicholson...the manor house and place whereon my mother Alice Nicholson now lives together with all houses and land westward side of the Holly Bush Branch and I will and desire that he enjoy and possess it when he comes of age...

...to my son Joshua Nicholson one pair of pistols, holster and a silver hilted sword when he comes of age...my beloved wife, Prudence Nicholson.

William Nicholson (wax seal)

Witnesses:

Lemuel Nicholson

Thomas Nicholson

Moses Robinson

George and Lemuel Nicholson moved to North Carolina, perhaps to Edgecombe Co., from which Halifax and later (1777) Nash counties were taken. George Nicholson witnessed a will in Edgecombe Co. in 1750. In October 1766 George Nicholson of Edgecombe Co., N. C. sells to Lemuel Nicholson of Halifax Co., N. C., 160 acres of land. Witnesses: Wright Nicholson and Joseph Wright Nicholson. (See Deed book 22, p. 148.)

George Nicholson, son of William Nicholson of Norfolk Co., Va., died in Nash Co., N. C. in 1780. His will, on file in Nashville, N. C., mentions children: 1. Wright; 2. David. 3. George; 4. Edward; 5. Malachi; 6. Josiah; 7. Teressa, married Lewis; 8. Cloe, married Petmond; 9. Elizabeth, married Walker; a granddaughter, Lydia Nicholson, and his wife Lydia.

On Dec. 10, 1771 Wright Nicholson in Halifax Co., N. C., witnessed a deed from Wm. Lewis to Thomas Nicholson. (See Book 13, p. 833.)

Wright Nicholson of Barkley Co., S. C., sells land to Josiah Nicholson of Nash Co., N. C. in 1783. (Sims History of S. C. gives similar spelling on an old map.) Witnesses: Lazarus Whitehead, George Black-





burn and Malachi Nicholson. (See Book 3, Nash Co., N. C.)

The brothers Wright and David Nicholson, sons of George and Lydia Nicholson and grandsons of William and Alice Nicholson, moved to Ninety-Six in Edgefield District, S. C.

David, Wright's brother, died in 1806 leaving his wife Rhoda and four daughters: 1. Abigaill, married Davis Williams; 2. Rhoda, married first, Lane; second, a Jackson; 3. Polly, married a Lewis; 4. Alcey, married a Nobles.

Lemuel Nicholson was granted land in Edgecombe Co., N. C., in 1761. He died in Halifax Co., N. C., in 1775, leaving children: 1. Thomas; 2. John; 3. Joseph Wright Nicholson.

Thomas was in the Revolution and then in the House of Commons.

John was a captain in the Revolution; married Penelope Mann and died in 1799. These are the ancestors of Miss Louise Sills of Nashville, N. C., who gave the foregoing Nicholson data.

John had ten children: 1. Letitia, married Crowell; 2. Matilda; 3. Timothy Mann; 4. Penelope, mar. Whitfield; 5. Martha, mar. Jenkins; 6. Mary, mar. Jelks (grandparents of Miss Sills); 7. Peeby, married Shelton; 8. Elizabeth, mar. Phillips; 9. Ann, mar. Bellamy; 10. Sarah, mar. Phillips.

**Will of George Nicholson, Father of Wright and David—First Nicholsons in County**

In the name of God Amen; This third day of February 1773, I George Nicholson of the County of Edgecombe, being in good health, thanks be to Almighty God, and in perfect mind and memory. . . . do make this my last will and testament. . . I recommend my soul to Almighty God that gave it. As touching such worldly estate where-with it has pleased God to bless me

in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Item:—I give and bequeath to my son Wright Nicholson five shillings money to him. (At this time this son was married and had at least four children and probably had his share given to him. The will was made in 1773, therefore before the War of Revolution, although he, George, did not die till 1780. (It is evident from this will that David was living then in North Carolina and probably Wright, or his father would hardly have made him his Executor, there being other sons.)

Item. I give to my son, David Nicholson, a tract of land he now lives on to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son George Nicholson one negro man called George, and likewise one bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my son Edward Nicholson a bed and furniture.

Item. I give to my son, Malachi Nicholson one negro woman called Elle, she and her increase, and also one negro boy, Sam. .

Item. I give to my loving wife one negro woman called Poll, and also a negro woman called Jane and a negro boy, Bob, the said two last negroes to her only during her natural life and after her death I give the said negro Jane and her increase to my son Josiah Nicholson, and also my negro boy Bob after his mother's death.

Item. I give to my daughter, Tressa Lewis, one negro girl called Alice which she has now in her possession.

Item. I give to Lydia Lewis one negro boy called James which I have delivered to her.





Item. I give to my daughter, Cloc Petmond, forty pounds proclamation money.

Item. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Walker one negro girl called Poll which she has in her possession.

Item. I give to my daughter Lydia Nicholson one negro girl called Sarah.

Item. I give to my loving wife my right to my plantation that I live on and all the land belonging to it after my death to her natural life and after her death I give to my son Josiah Nicholson.

Item. I give to my loving wife all my remainder of my estate ungiven after my just debts are paid to her and to her disposal, whom I likewise constitute and my son, Wright Nicholson, my only and sole executor of this my last will and testament.

George Nicholson (Seal)

Witnesses:

Winfield Wright

Joseph Nicholson

Abigail Nicholson

Nash County, N. C.,

April Court 1780

The within will was exhibited in open court and proved by the oath of Joseph Nicholson, a subscribing witness which is ordered to be recorded.

Attest: Wm. C. Hall, C. C.  
and is registered

Wright and David Nicholson, brothers, came from Nash Co., N. C., to Edgefield county, sons of George Nicholson, died 1780, and Lydia Lewis (?).

There was an Urbane Nicholson also in this county, but no relationship has been found between the two early residents. The only descendants of Nicholsons in this county so far discovered are those of Wright. David Nicholson's children were four daughters (men-

tioned in data of Miss Sill).

There was also a Theophilus Nicholson who signed the will of Thomas Adams. The Clerk of Court of Saluda County is a descendant of Urbane Nicholson and his son Alanson Nicholson and writes that he thinks it an entirely different family.

## II

### WRIGHT NICHOLSON'S REVOLUTIONARY RECORD

Mr. A. S. Salley, secretary of the South Carolina Historical Commission, sends this information:

We have a record of pay issued to Wright Nicholson for service in the Revolution. He was first a private and then a lieutenant in the militia before and after the fall of Charles Town. He must have rendered considerable service because the amount of pay was £164:10s. He belonged to one of the Ninety Six District regiments and the commissioners for settling the accounts of the Revolution delegated one of their number, Colonel Robert Anderson, to go around to the muster fields of the regiments of his district and collect the evidence of the services of the men and file his return. From that return individual bills were made out and Nicholson's bill reads merely: "for Duty pr Col. Anderson's retn." That of course does not tell us the times that he served or the battles that he served in.

There are numerous printed stories by survivors of the Revolution that sometimes inform us as to the presence of certain persons in certain battles. Many of these publications are hard to find. They were contributed to magazines and newspapers or published in pamphlets. There is much indifference in regard to collecting material that





bears upon South Carolina. The libraries are filled up with modern reading matter and very little attention is paid to collecting the literature of the State, which furnishes the evidence of former culture.

One of the interesting things on Mr. Nicholson's bill is an order on the treasurers to deliver his indent to Bartelet Bledso. It shows Mr. Nicholson's handwriting and signature.

According to Secretary of State W. P. Blackwell, spelling used as recorded: "Write Nicholson was granted 190 acres in Ninety-Six District March 6, 1786. 90 acres in March 1788. Wright Nickolson granted 830 acres Feb. 1789 all in Ninety Six District."

#### Will of Wright Nicholson

I, Wright Nicholson, give and bequeathe to my loving wife, Mary (Douglass) Nicholson, one negro named Nan, one feather bed and furniture, one beauphox (cup-board) and furniture.

Item 2. I give to my five children, William Nicholson, Keziah Wilson, Retsy Dawson, Shemuel Nicholson and Elizabeth Adams, \$200.00 to be divided between the five children to be raised out of my estate at their discretion.

Item 3. To my son, David Nicholson, a tract of land containing 200 acres which I bought of John Salter, lying on Rocky Creek, one negro called Lightfoot, one feather bed and furniture.

Item 4. I give to my daughter, Rebecca Nicholson, one negro woman named Judea and one dark bay horse and feather bed and furniture.

Item 6. I give to my son, Wright Nicholson, the tract of land whereon I now live and one negro boy named Bill and feather bed and furniture,

Item 7. I give to my daughter, Letitia Nicholson, one negro boy named Ben and feather bed and furniture.

Item 8. I give to my loving wife Mary Nicholson all the property of mine which is not given to my children to enjoy at her own disposal: I appoint my son Shemuel Nicholson my Executor and my loving wife Mary Nicholson I appoint my Executrix.

Wright Nicholson.

Witnesses: Michael Blocker

Elijah Thomas.

Jan. 14, 1807.

#### Will of Mary Nicholson, Wife of Wright Nicholson, Sr.

I give to my son, Wright Nicholson, my third of the undivided real estate of my deceased husband, Wright Nicholson, it being the tract whereon I now live, also two divisees shares of two tracts of the balance of the tracts supposed to be 133 acres, also one negro girl called Luiza about ten years old.

Item 2. To my beloved son, David Nicholson, one negro girl named Candace.

Item 3. I give to my beloved daughter, Letitia Adams, one negro woman named Nan and her two children, Joe and Ellen, also \$50.00 out of my property to be hereinafter to be disposed.

Item 4. It is my will and desire that the remainder of my property be sold on a credit of 12 months with the exception of one bay horse which I have given to Morris P. Holloway in trust for my grandson, Wright Nicholson Moore, and one negro boy named Washington.

Wright Nicholson, her son, and Abram Adams, son-in-law, were made Executors of her will, Oct. 1821. Proved Sept. 5, 1825.

Mary Ann Armstrong, Rhoda Jackson and Jesse Blocker, Witnesses.





There was a long lull in the study of the Nicholson family, and the early life of Wright Nicholson lies shrouded in mystery. Dates were not known sufficiently to decide whether he had been married more than once. Much correspondence and study has made the following dates reliable. These have been gathered from D. A. R. records, graves and family Bibles. To make it clear that Wright Nicholson must have been twice married, the names and dates of his children are recorded here.

The first child, William, was old enough to fight in the Revolution from Edgefield County (according to A. S. Salley, State Historian) but exact dates are unknown.

2. Kezia Nicholson was born 1767 (Bible record).

3. Repsy (Repsama).

4. Shemuel born 1772 (tombstone and Bible records).

5. Elizabeth born 1774.

The name of Wright Nicholson's first wife is not known, though the initials F. D. are cut on the grave next to his.

Wright Nicholson gave a deed to land in North Carolina to Josiah Nicholson who lived in North Carolina in 1783 and no wife signed dower which was customary. We assume he was not married at that time.

Another indication of the two marriages of Wright Nicholson is that the two groups of children are named separately in his will. Also, Mary Douglass Nicholson mentions only the last five children in her will.

He married Mary Douglass (second wife) before 1799 because in that year she was named as a beneficiary of her father, John Doug-

lass' estate, and her husband, Wright Nicholson, was an executor.

The children of Wright and Mary Douglass Nicholson were:

David born 1791.

Rebecca born 1792.

Lydia ———

Wright 1795.

Letitia ———.

From above dates it is seen that there was a lapse of about 17 years between the birth of Elizabeth and Rebecca Nicholson. If they were half-sisters (and it seems they were) they were most devoted as Rebecca and her mother took care of Elizabeths' four sons when after the death of Thomas Adams she married again and went to Alabama. From this association the echoes from the past to the present indicate that there was harmony and kindness displayed by Mary Douglass to the first children of Wright Nicholson; none of the descendants in this county knew there was a step-mother.

### III

#### WILLIAM NICHOLSON

##### Eldest Son of Wright Nicholson

William Nicholson was living in Edgefield County during the Revolution and served in Capt. Michael Watson's Company. His Revolutionary record is in the office of A. S. Salley. He was in Edgefield County in 1790 when first census was taken, and had family and slaves. A recent letter from Mrs. Willie Bell Aycock of Selma, Ala., states that William Nicholson married Elizabeth Adams and had the following children: Repsama married Wm. Steadham, Keziah married John Miller; Lydia, Charlotte, and Nancy. He died in 1828.





## IV

## DESCENDANTS OF KEZIAH NICHOLSON AND JOHN McDOWELL

Prepared by T. J. McDowell,  
Pleasant Lane, S. C.

John McDowell was born in Ireland in 1765. He came to America with his parents just prior to the Revolution, settling in Pennsylvania. He came to Edgefield with Wright Nicholson and in 1788 married his eldest daughter, Keziah. One child, William, was born to this union.

One night right after supper, John McDowell went out of the home and never returned, a mysterious disappearance, never to be solved. This was in the fall of 1789 or spring of 1790. His wife waited a long time hoping for his return, but finally gave him up as dead. On January 26, 1796, she married Robert Wilson and in 1816 moved to Madison County, Ala., and died there about 1838. All her children by the second marriage were born in Edgefield County.

This William McDowell, son of John McDowell and Kezia Nicholson, was born Aug. 30, 1789, and in 1814 married Elizabeth, the only daughter of Peter Ouzts the First. She was born March 11, 1797, and died 1872. There were 12 Ouzts brothers in this family. William McDowell was a farmer and owned land and slaves. He died in 1868, aged 79 years. In this case when Kezia McDowell-Wilson left South Carolina for Alabama, her son William McDowell was 27 years of age, was married and had one child.

#### Children of William McDowell and Elizabeth Ouzts

1. Elizabeth McDowell born Nov. 20, 1815, never married and died 1873.

2. Frances McDowell born March 6, 1817, married David Timmer-

man. Children: James, Hodge and George Ann Timmerman. James Timmerman married Frances Timmerman, his first cousin. Children: John Henry, Eugene, Nora, Allen and Mae Belle. John Henry Timmerman married Ola Powell. Two children. Eugene Timmerman married and has six children. Nora Timmerman married William McCullough. Five children.

3. James Talbot McDowell, born Oct. 2, 1818, married Nancy Steifle. Children: David, William, Robert, Wright, and Jane.

James Talbot McDowell was a carpenter. He taught school before the War Between the States and was Justice of the Peace. He reared his family in Hart County, Ga. He served in the Confederate War as an Orderly Sergeant from 1861-1865. He died at Hartwell, Ga., March 31, 1891.

Daniel McDowell, son of James Talbot McDowell, was born in 1841. He enlisted in the Confederate Army and served from 1861 to 1865. Just after the war he married Miss Carwell. Their children were Wilburn, Barton, George Ann and Henry Talbot. This Daniel McDowell began moving to Texas in 1866 in an ox wagon. By this means of transportation it took him four years to reach his final destination. He made a crop as he went, not missing a year during his four years of travel. He died at Lindale, Texas, in 1912.

Wilburn McDowell, son of Daniel McDowell, was born in 1867. Farmer. Married Lillie Beckwith. Their children are Daniel, Fannie Belle, Alvin, Elsie, J. W. and Lovie.

Barton McDowell, son of Daniel McDowell, was born 1869. He married Haseltine Hicks. Children: Linard, Ethel, Lovie, Winslow and B. L.

George Ann McDowell, daughter of Daniel McDowell, was born in





1872. She married William Hicks. One child, Horace Hicks. George Ann died 1899. Horace lives in El Paso, Texas.

Henry Talbot McDowell, son of Daniel, was born 1875. Married Bertha Curry. Children are Whan, Buford, Estelle, Pauline and Florence McDowell. William McDowell, son of James Talbot McDowell and Nancy Steifle, was born in 1843. He enlisted in the Western Army of the Confederate War and was never heard from again after he left home.

Robert McDowell, son of James Talbot McDowell, was born in 1846. He married Mary Gaines. Children: Agnes, James Talbot, Elizabeth, Sara, Wilburn, Nancy, Edward and Jessie. Robert McDowell was a farmer. He was Postmaster at Airline, Ga. Died 1912.

James Talbot McDowell, son of Robert McDowell, was born 1874. He married Rena Skelton. They had several children. He is a farmer and lives in Tennessee.

Agnes McDowell, daughter of Robert McDowell, was born 1872. She married John Rufus McDowell, her first cousin. They had four children. Elizabeth, daughter of Robert McDowell, married Edward Thompson. Their children: Gertrude, Huley, Raymond, J. G., Cleo J. W., Jessie. Gertrude, daughter of Edward Thompson and Elizabeth McDowell, married Aaron Floyd. Children: Aaron, Jr., James, Martha, Thomas and Edward.

Huley Thompson, son of Edward and Gertrude Thompson, married Ruth Browning. Children: Helen, Robert, Frances. Sara McDowell, daughter of Robert McDowell and Mary Gaines, married Oliver Hood. Children: Lovie, Annie, George Olline, Bunyan, Howard, McRay and Talbot. Lovie Hood married Clara Garner. Children: Thelma, James and Frances.

Annie Hood married English Hays. Children: Lucille and Amelia. Winburn McDowell, son of Robert McDowell and Mary Gaines was born 1878 and died 1899.

Nancy McDowell was born in 1880. Married Thomas Cox. Children: Ruth, Henry, Hepsy, Frances Lucille and Nancy. Nancy McDowell Cox died 1930, aged 50 years.

Edward McDowell, son of Robert McDowell and Mary Gaines, was born 1883, married Lonie Ayers. Children: Albert, Lois and J. H. Albert McDowell married and has one child. Lois McDowell married and has one child.

Jessie McDowell, daughter of Robert and Mary Gaines, born 1886. Married Walker Hembry. Children: Aaron and Mary Jane.

Wright McDowell, son of James Talbot and Nancy Steifle, was born in 1848 in Hartwell, Ga. He came to Edgefield in 1866. He was a farmer and his greatest pleasure the fox hunt. He married Mahala Parkman in 1871. Children: John Rufus, Talbot J. and Fannie Wright McDowell. Died March 1915.

John Rufus McDowell, son of Wright McDowell, was born 1872, married Agnes McDowell, his first cousin, and died 1937. Children: Willie, Hallie, Lake and Mary.

Talbert J. McDowell, son of Wright McDowell, was born 1875. He is a farmer and was Justice of the Peace. He married Essie Thompson at Cold Water, Ga., Dec. 1898. Their children: Parker, Hughes, Harvie, John, Manning, Benson, Lula Mae, Estelle, Wilson, Nellie, Ray, Thomas and Allen.

Parker McDowell born 1900, farmer. Married Betty Lou Glauzier. Children: Helen and John Purvis. Hughes McDowell married Mattie Reynolds and they have one child. Harvie McDowell married Mattie Buzhardt. Children: Elsie and Audrey Lee. John McDowell married





Inez Mae Temple of Hartwell, Ga. Children: Mary Sue, Belle and Faye.

Benson McDowell born 1908, died 1925.

Estelle McDowell, born 1911, died 1923.

Fannie McDowell, daughter of Wright McDowell, born 1876, married Edward Pardue. Children: Ellen, Anna, William, Kate, Rufus and Manly. Edward Pardue is a farmer. Ellen Pardue married John Doolittle. Children: Edward and Thomas Watson. Ellen Doolittle died 1927. Anna Pardue married J. W. Glauzier. Children: Pearle Earnest, William and Lillian. Kate Pardue married Jesse Doolittle. Children: G. D., Lucy, Ellen and David.

Jane McDowell, daughter of James Talbot McDowell and Nancy Steifle, married James Risener. Children: Talbot, Melvin, Nora, Anna, Jane and Bluford. Jane McDowell Risener died 1891.

Talbot Risener married Nancy Cobb. Children: Odell, William, Reuben, Wayman and Eva. Melvin Risener married George Gilliam. Children: James, Nora, Lula, July and Thomas Gilliam. Jane Risener married Hubert Gilliam. Children: Laddie, Alvania, Clayton, Hollie, and Clyde. Bluford married Nina Gilliam. Children: Elsie, Ethel, Fred and Vesesta. He married a second wife, Essie Dutton. Children of this second marriage were: Verie, Howard, Edna, Ray and Edward. Nora Risener married Seth Lewis. Children: Moses, Lewis, Lillie, George, Pearle and Roma.

Anna Risener married Robert Nixon; children: Fred, Nancy, Essie.

4. Shemuel McDowell, son of William and Elizabeth Ouzts McDowell, was born Sept. 22, 1820. No record.

5. Kezia McDowell, daughter of William and Elizabeth O. McDow-

ell, was born Aug. 18, 1822, married John Harling. Their one child died in infancy.

6. George B. McDowell, son of William and Elizabeth O. McDowell, was born Feb. 20, 1825. No record after birth.

7 and 8. Benjamin and Daniel McDowell, twin sons of William and Elizabeth O. McDowell, were born April 17, 1827. Benjamin was a farmer, married his first cousin, Elizabeth Ouzts. Children: John and Elizabeth. Elizabeth McDowell died 1849. Benjamin McDowell married second Mary Dorn, Dec. 17, 1851. Children: William, Virginia, Ella and Mary. Benjamin McDowell died of disease in an enemy prison in the Confederate War in 1864. (See Daniel further on.)

John McDowell, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Ouzts McDowell, was born in 1848. Farmer till 1897 when he moved to Greenwood and worked at the cotton mill for 20 years. He married Mary Ouzts, first cousin. Children: Ernest McDowell, Essie, Elizabeth, Alma, Ruby, Benjamin T. and Grace. Ernest McDowell married Scioto Ouzts. Children: Willie and Ernest Ryan Ouzts.

Willie McDowell married Malachi Bateman. Children: Jeannie, Vivian, Charles and Olive. Elizabeth McDowell married William Wells. Children: Roy, Mary Frances, Lois, John W., Laura, Ernest and Rachel.

Alma McDowell, daughter of John McDowell, married Earle Hall. Children: Hazel and Earle, Jr., Ruby McDowell married Oscar Vaughn. Children: Clarice, Beverly, Andrew and Bowen.

Benjamin T., son of John McDowell, married Olive Nelson. Children: Carlton, Mary Frances, Charles, Benjamin T., Jr., and Grace.

Elizabeth McDowell born 1849, married Felix Glauzier. Children:





Della, Alice and Felix, Jr. Felix, Jr., died from a wound received in the Confederate War in 1863 or 1864. He died in 1875. His widow, Elizabeth later married James Timmerman. Children: Lonnie, George and Ellis.

Dellar Glauzier married William Horn. Children: Lizzie, John, Hassie, Felix, Beatrice and Alice. Lizzie Horn married Alonzo Roe. Children: Ethel, Lucille and Silas.

Hassie Horn married Arthur Worthy. Children: Dellar and Lawton. On death of Arthur Worthy, Hassie married Jacob Crawford. Children: Frances and Jacob, Jr.

Beatrice Horn married Raymond Baines and have one child.

Alice Horn married Burley Hughes. Children: Coleman and James.

Alice Glauzier was born 1872, married John Pickett Glauzier Dec. 29, 1889. Children: Daisy, Ezra, J. W., Walter and Betty Lou.

Daisy Glauzier married John Brown. Children: Robert and Emzy.

Ezra Glauzier married Nannie Brazeal. They have one child, Rachel.

J. W. Glauzier married Anna Pardue. Children: Pearle, Ernest, William and Lillian.

Betty Lou Glauzier married Parker McDowell. They have three children.

Felix Glauzier married Milbra Faulkner. They have one child, Osborne. He is at Wofford College studying for the ministry (Methodist).

Lonnie Timmerman married Minnie Ouzts. They have several children.

George Timmerman married Nannie Belle Corley. Children: Carlton, Cleo, Wayman, Curtiss, Benjamin, Floyd, Lura, Roy and Brewer.

Carlton Timmerman married Clydie Anderson. There was one child.

Ellis Timmerman married Ida Caliham. Children: Ernest, Lonnie, Jess, Alvin, Lawton, Ellis, Jr., Claud, Ralph, Irene.

Benjamin McDowell's second wife's children: William, born in 1854, married Sarah Horne. Children: Eula, Elvie, Jane, Sara, William, Jr., Bertha, Stacy, John, Elizabeth, Nellie and Anna Belle.

Sarah McDowell married Lee Hall. One child.

William McDowell, Jr., married Hattie Garner. They have six children.

Stacy McDowell married Daisy Tillie. They have four children.

John McDowell married Lula DeVore. Their children: Letha, Vera, Reba, Frances and John, Jr.

Vera McDowell married James Stevens. One child.

Elizabeth McDowell married Charles Giles. Children: Ruth, Everett, Hubert, Eula Mae and Sara Lou.

Nellie McDowell married Earnest Blaire. Three children.

Virginia McDowell married Talbot Faulkner. Children: Benjamin, Fannie, Marshall, James, Landrum and Julian.

Benjamin Faulkner married Nancy Hahn. Children: Minnie, Belle and Jessie Maud.

Fannie Faulkner married John Ouzts. Children: Mamie, Juanita, Inez, Elsie and Prince.

Lena Ouzts, daughter of above, married Pinkney Harrison. Children: Ouida, Virginia, Rudolph, Herman.

Juanita Ouzts married Carlton C. Carr. No children.

Marshall Faulkner married Emma Prather. Children: Hammond, Leona, Virginia, Dorothy, Alexander and Julia.





James Faulkner married Julia Calliham. Children: Henry, Louise, Virginia, Dorothy, Alexander and Julia.

Julian Faulkner married Ruth Willis. No children.

Mary McDowell married William Johnson. No children.

8. Daniel McDowell, twin son of William McDowell and Elizabeth Ouzts, was born April 17, 1827. Farmer. He married Martha Dorn. Children: Wright, Emma, Thomas, Martha, Malissa, Ellie, Samantha. Daniel McDowell died of disease in a Confederate camp in 1864.

9. Wister McDowell, born March 11, 1830. Farmer. Married Emily Ouzts, his first cousin. Children: (Dock), William, Emma, Florence, Mary, Hattie, Joseph, Fannie, Inez, Bussey and Calvin.

James (Dock) McDowell married Florence Goldman. Children: Ola, John, Ransom, Walter, James, Jeruth and Lafton. Ola McDowell married Kalip Michael. Children: Catherine, Lorine, Ernest, William, Florence and Barton.

John McDowell married Mamie Parkman. Children: Hubert, John, Grace and Madge.

Ransom McDowell married and has three children.

Walter McDowell married Madge Parkman. Eight children.

James McDowell married Mamie Kemp. Three children.

Juruth McDowell married Gary Ouzts. They have five children and five grandchildren.

Lafton McDowell married Effie Turner. One child.

William McDowell married Emma Johnson. Children: Trapp and Brunson. Trapp McDowell married Josie Harrison. Children: Clayburn, Ruth and Ruby, Wyatt, J. T. and Margaret.

Brunson McDowell was a lawyer

and died in 1917. Ruby McDowell married Clyde Cothran. One child. Mary McDowell married Eldred Dorn. Children: Elmo, Jesse, Lula, Hattie, Dewey, Paul, Ruby, Milbry. Elmo Dorn married Edna Eubanks. Lula Dorn married Lewis Eubanks. Hattie Dorn married T. Scott. Jesse Dorn married Ella Wyllie. Paul Dorn married Lilly Boisdale. Milbry Dorn married Irwin Eubanks. Emma McDowell married Sumpter Lewis. Florence McDowell married George Dorn and had one son, Benjamin. Benjamin Dorn married Kate Bryant. Children: Fred and Marvin.

Hattie McDowell married Brooks Harling. Joseph McDowell married Susan Burnett. Children: Burnett, Corine, Rena and Reames and Martha Emily. Burnett McDowell married Dellar Wright Williams. Corine McDowell married Mark Turner. Children: J. T., Dollie, Naomi and Burnett. Reames McDowell married Eve Handcox. Rena married a Mr. White. Fannie McDowell married John L. Ouzts. Children: Hollie and Mattie, both of whom died in childhood. John L. Ouzts died and his widow later married William Cheatham. Inez McDowell married Simeon Christie. George Bussey McDowell married Nora Goldman. Children: Lillian, Grover, Gladys and Nora. Calvin McDowell married Mae Belle Ouzts. Children: Lester, William and Vernon.

10. George Ann McDowell, daughter of William McDowell and Elizabeth Ouzts, born Feb. 23, 1833, married George Timmerman. Children: James, Lillian, William, Margaret, John and Herlong. George Ann was left a widow from the Civil War. She went to Graniteville to live just after the war and died in 1890. Jamie Timmer-





man married William Napier. Lillian Timmerman married Luther Day. William Timmerman married Elizabeth Whitlock. Children: Clara, George, Elizabeth, William and Janett. Clara Timmerman married Edward Knight. Children: Samuel, James, Elizabeth, William, Bell, Gladys and Helen.

Janet Timmerman married John Turner. Children: Nellie, Alice, Margaret and John. John Timmerman married Mattie Medlock and they had one child, Andrew. Herlong Timmerman married Susan Holsenback. Children: Ida, Eva, Earnest, Frances, Margaret, William, Finlay and Grady.

Hazel Timmerman and Davis Ferguson and 13 other great-great-grandchildren.

Savannah McDowell, daughter of William McDowell and Elizabeth Ouzts, was born about Nov. 10, 1835. She married in 1847 or '48 Thomas Timmerman, son of Jacob Timmerman. Children: Nicholson, Elizabeth, Sophia and Lucinthia Timmerman. Savannah Timmerman died February 1915. Mr. Thomas Timmerman gave his life to the cause of the Confederacy and left his wife a widow with five children. She was buried at Stevens Creek.

Nicholson Timmerman was born in 1854. He married Mary Frances Berry. Children: Sheppard, Paris, Hattie, Percy and three who died in infancy. Paris Timmerman married James DeVore. Children: Frances and James, Jr.; Sheppard Timmerman married Maggie Parkman. Children: Helen and Janet. Hattie Timmerman married Ernest Lewis. Children: Richard, Thomas, Sumpter, Mary and Rhett. Percy Timmerman married Miss Price. Children: Myrtle, Margaret and Dorothy. Elizabeth Timmerman married Joseph Reardon. Children:

George, James, Sophia and Bussey. George Reardon married Leila Corley. Children: Evelyn, Virginia, Eugene, Walker and Frances. Sophia Timmerman married Belton Pardue. Children: Clayton, Pearle, Grace, Wilson, Thomas and Wallace. Clayton Pardue married Louise Seigler. Children: Floyd, Reba, and Annie. Clayton Pardue was killed by a falling tree during a wind and rain storm July 4, 1925. Pearle Pardue married James Harling. Children: Ruby, Dollie, Janett, Carrie, Belton, Elizabeth and William. Grace Pardue married Alonzo Norman. Children: Lura, Grace and Harper. Wilson Pardue married Jessie Parkman. Children: Wilson, Jr., Florine, Vera and Ray. Thomas Pardue married Mary Ouzts. Children: Gladys, Frances, J. C. Wallace Pardue married Ruth Stroud.

Lucinthia Timmerman married Mouzon Dorn. Children: Thomas, Laura, Estelle, Ollie and Zonnie. Thomas Dorn married Bessie Wood. Children: Evelyn and Lucille. Evelyn Dorn married Raymond Floyd. Children: Ostelle and Dorothy. Laura Dorn married Walter Manly. Children: Roy Manly, Florence, William, Otto, Fred and Juanita. Roy Manly married Mattie Martin. Florence Manly married Robert Young. Estelle Dorn married W. H. Timmerman. They have two adopted children: William and Raymond. Ollie Dorn married Felix Walker and they have an adopted child, Thomas Walker. Zonnie Dorn married Pearle B. Shaffer. Children: Elizabeth, Morris, Marion, John A., Jessie Lee, Dorcus, Felicia, David, Clyburn and Guy. Elizabeth Dorn married Garrett Byrd. One child, Walker. Morris Dorn married Geneva Manson. Marion Dorn married George Dorn. Children: Billy, Shelva, Jean.





12. Lucinthia McDowell, daughter of William McDowell and Elizabeth Ouzts, was born July 6, 1838. No record after birth.

# V

## DESCENDANTS OF KEZIA NICHOLSON AND ROBERT WILSON

Kezia Nicholson McDowell married second, Robert Wilson.

Mrs. J. N. Brown, a descendant to whom we are indebted for earlier data sends this interesting reminiscence: "Pearl Neely Grant, a descendant, gave me the old family Bible of Robert Wilson and Kezia Nicholson, his wife, as she thought I would care for it more than anyone in their family. The handwriting of Kezia Nicholson in the Bible is beautiful. One cover was gone, the other hanging by the cloth with which Great-grandmother Kezia had covered it, the first pages of Genesis gone and all records except what I am sending. I had it rebound and monographed in Florence, Italy."

This is a copy of the only page of family records left in the Bible of Robert and Kezia (Nicholson) Wilson when it came into my possession;

Robert Wilson his Book and was born 6th day of January 1770.

Kezia Wilson his wife was born in the year of our Lord 1767 June 29th.

Robert Wilson and Kezia his wife were married the 26th day of January 1796.

Amoranda Wilson, daughter of Robert Wilson and Kezia his wife, was born the 28th Day of January 1798. (And was married in Edgefield Co. before 1816.)

Alexander Wilson was born the 7 day of February 1800.

Rebekah Wilson was born 24th Day of Noy, 1801.

Shemuel Wilson was born 1st Day of July 1803.

Robert Wilson II, Born the 19th Day of April 1805.

Sarah Wilson, Born the 29th Day of July 1807.

Frances, or Fanny Wilson, Born the 13th of April 1809.

Of these children, Alexander, Rebekah and Robert must have died in infancy or childhood for we have no further records of them nor are they mentioned in their father's will dated Aug. 6th 1825 and recorded in Huntsville, Ala., Jan. 37, 1826.

### Excerpts from Will of Robert Wilson

Be it known that I, Robert Wilson, of the State of Alabama, do constitute this, my Will and Testament.

I bequeath to my wife, Keziah Wilson, one negro boy, Harry, as her right and property to do with as she pleases; a negro man, Robin, and woman, Kitty, one boy, Levi, and Moses, during her life time, and I also give her my plantation called "Walpole" and one fifth of my stock of every kind, and tools and household furniture during her life, but with this reserve. My daughter Frances Wilson is at liberty to live on said place if she chooses: one negro boy Sam, negro girl Amy, one named Silva, one bed and furniture, one trunk, one bay mare, bridle and saddle, three cows and calves, five head of sheep, \$25.00 in cash.

I also give my daughter Frances that tract of land called Walpoles at my wife's death, to be my daughter's forever.

3. I bequeathe to my son Shemuel Wilson one quarter and half quarter section of land on Piney Creek, Limestone county, also five head of sheep and one trunk, also my blacksmith tools.

I also give to my two sons-in-law





Stephen Flinn and Hugh Golightly the two quarter sections of land whereon I live to be sold and equally divided and one hundred dollars more added to each of them.

The balance of my estate after paying my debts, I will shall be divided between all my children by appraisement and consists of the following property, one negro, Pompey, Abram, Andy, Dafny, Eliza, Synthia, Lusintha, Nancy, Harry, Leu, Jim, Harriett and Mary. Balance of stock, household and kitchen furniture and tools to be divided and my present crop after reserving one third for my wife.

Robert Wilson's executors were his wife, Keziah, and her sons, Shemuel Wilson, Stephen Flinn and Hugh Golightly.

Aug. 6th 1825

Robert Wilson.

Witnesses:

Wm. Walls

Littleberry Bowen

Sam'l Tillman

Recorded Feb. 27, 1826. Judge of Probate Thos. Jones.

#### I. Family of Amoranda Wilson

(Sketch prepared by Mrs. Philip Schwam, Olive Branch, Miss.)

Amoranda Wilson, 1798 - 1857, was daughter of Robert Wilson, 1770-1826, and his wife, Keziah, born 6-29-1767; date of death not known except that she survived her husband.

Keziah was the daughter of Lieut. Wright Nicholson, a soldier of the Revolution.

Born in Edgefield Co., S. C., Amoranda Wilson married there before 1816, Stephen Flinn, 1791-1858, one of the five sons of John Flinn of North Carolina.

Their children: (1) Amoranda Rebecca, (2) Alexander Wilson Flinn, (3) William Wright Flinn,

(4) Robert Shemuel Flinn, (5) Frances Kezia, (6) Sallie Flinn, (7) Cornelia Flinn, (8) James Madison Flinn, (9) Thomas Jefferson Flinn and (1) Eliza Flinn.

From Bible Records of Mr. H. G.

Johnston, Hernando, Miss.

(1) Amoranda Rebecca (April 11, 1817 to Sept. 11, 1900, married Aug. 12, 1835, Stephen D. Johnston (Feb. 6, 1812-Aug. 21, 1853). Their children: James B. Johnston Aug. 31, 1836-Aug. 22, 1851. Mary Amoranda Johnston, Nov. 1, 1839-Oct. 1870, married W. L. Gray Nov. 11, 1857. Lovie Elizabeth, born Feb. 20, 1845, married H. A. Stuart Dec. 1862. Frances W., July 2, 1845-Dec. 1880, married J. M. Gray, March 1864. Rebecca F., born Oct. 26, 1851, married L. C. Gray Nov. 1866. Stephen D., born Dec. 1853, married Anna E. Nesbitt, Jan. 15, 1879. Willie J., born March 10, 1856, married (1) Lizzie Lindsey, May 15, 1879. She died Aug. 26, 1881; (2) Lallie M. Nesbitt, Oct. 23, 1883. He died May 27, 1899. Joseph Samuel (March 13, 1858-Dec. 19, 1914) married Sallie E. Lauderdale Jan. 10, 1884. His widow is 79 years old (mother of H. G. Johnston). Sallie Cornelia, born Jan. 9, 1862, married H. B. Wilkinson Jan. 11, 1881.

Mr. Johnston says: "My information is that Stephen Flinn and wife, Amoranda Wilson came to DeSoto County, Miss., a few months prior to the birth of James B. Johnston in 1836.

Mr. Johnston has one child, Sarah Frances, just completed her first year at Southwestern University. Mr. Johnston's parents had two children, Rebecca who died at 11 years of age, and H. G. Johnston, born Nov. 2, 1890.

(2) Alexander Wilson Flinn,





## Family of Alexander Wilson Flinn

Prepared by Leila McCargo (Mrs. W. H.) Ballard, Olive Branch, Mississippi

Wilson Flinn, the second child of Amoranda Wilson and Stephen Flinn, was born March 26, 1819; died Feb. 11, 1864; married Martha Amoranda Mitchell, born Feb. 3, 1814; died Sept. 2, 1877. Their children:

1. Amoranda Elizabeth, 1841-1931. Married Hannibal Buchanan, 1828-1903. They had five children. Their first child, Jessie, was born in 1863 and died Sept. 2, 1877, the same day as her grandmother Flinn. They are buried in the same grave in Olive Branch, Miss., but have a double stone.

The only living member of this family is a grandson, John Herbert Buchanan, now with our army in Italy.

2. Ann Eliza Flinn married Rodman Eason. They had two daughters and two sons. A granddaughter, Jean Turley, teaches in Memphis city schools.

3. Stephen Flinn married Ophelia Payne. Three children were born to them: (1) Ophelia who married June Funderburk; (2) Malachi who married Lula Owen and has four children, all married; (3) Thos. Payne who married Nora Clifton. They have three children, all married.

4. John Malachi, 1847-1923. Unmarried.

5. Martha Rebecca Flinn, 1849-1930, married A. G. Perry. Six children were born to them, three of whom still live: Burrell, Sallie, and Morgan. There are no grandchildren.

6. Sarah Flinn, 1853-1942, married Dr. John Sloan, 1843-1886.

They had two children: Carrie Sloan, 1872-1875; Preston Sloan, 1876-1938.

7. Fannie Letitia Flinn, born May 30, 1855, married Robert McCargo whose family traces back to Colonial Virginia. He was born July 3, 1844; died Feb. 10, 1923. Seven children were born to them: (1) Leila Adelaide McCargo, born Nov. 19, 1877; married June 5, 1900, Winthrop H. Ballard who died Feb. 27, 1930. They had 2 children. The elder, Mary, is the wife of Rev. Norris Gilliam and has two sons. The younger, Alice Ballard, is the wife of John Grady Allen and has three sons and a daughter. (2) William Henry McCargo, born in 1879, married Annie Dickey Dec. 26, 1907. (3) Annie Roberta McCargo died in childhood. (4) Martha Amoranda McCargo (called Amber) born in 1883, married Aug. 1, 1918, John M. Stevens, and has John M., Jr., who married Kate Gill June 3, 1943. He is a paratrooper. Was first sent to Ireland and may now be in England or France. Amber's other child is Martha Frances Stevens, born June 6, 1922. (5) Robert Payne McCargo, Jr., born 1885. (6) Nora Oneita McCargo, born 1888, married Dec. 15, 1909, Mr. C. P. Corry who has twice been State Senator in Mississippi. (7) Geo. Fearn McCargo, born 1890, married January 22, 1936, Lois Hahn. They have Donna Marlene, born Nov. 13, 1936, and Sharon Elaine, born April 24, 1943. Their home is in Ft. Morgan, Colo., where Fearn has the same railroad position he had before World War I in which he was severely wounded.

Grandfather Wilson Flinn, father of the seven children above, died Feb 11, 1864, near Olive Branch, Miss., the day Grant's army was marching to Holly Springs, Miss. Soldiers were looting everything





outside when an officer came into the house and seeing the situation made that troop leave, but all day the passing army drank from the old well yet the stream was never lowered. The old well is all that is left on the hill now. It is bricked all the way up with triangular bricks made by the slaves.

(3) William Wright Flinn, 1821-1863, married (1) Mary Bledsoe, and (2) Mary Neely. The latter had two sons, Wright and Neely, and a daughter, Betty. All have passed away, leaving no descendants.

(4) Robert Shemuel Flinn, 1823-1898, married Nancy Bledsoe.

(5) Frances Kezia.

#### Family of Frances Kezia Flinn

Sketch Prepared by Mrs. Rena May Payne, Olive Branch, Miss.

Frances Kezia Flinn, 5th child of Stephen Flinn and Amoranda Wilson Flinn, was born Sept. 30, 1829; married (1) John Henry Payne, born in Richmond, Va., Nov. 23, 1821.

Their children:

1. Robert Stephen Payne, born April 8, 1850.

2. John Henry Payne, II, died in youth.

3. Eliza Payne.

After her first husband's death, Kezia Payne married Dr. William McCargo, of a Colonial Virginia family. No children.

#### Family of Robert Stephen Payne

Robert Stephen Payne (No. 1 listed above), 1850-1914, married Nancy Eugenia Moody who died July 31, 1918. Their children (10):

1. Walter Flinn Payne died in infancy.

2. Milton Brinkley Payne, born in 1875, married November 18,

1903, Allie Bowe. Eight children were born to them: (1) Gilbert Bruce, born in 1906, married June 23, 1938, Janice Cochran. He was cashier of Bank of Olive Branch when called into service. Janice now fills his place. They have G. Bruce Payne, Jr. (2) Nannie Eugenia Payne, born 1908, married in 1926, L. C. Seago. (3) Mary Lucille Payne, born Nov. 2, 1909. (4) Natalie died in infancy. (5) Malvin Brinkley Payne, born 1913, married Sept. 28, 1940, Polly Ruth (Ruth is surname). (6) Jas. Howard Payne, born 1915, married May 8, 1938, Loryce Bomer, and has two little daughters, Virginia Lou and Alice Kay. (7) Marshall Moody Payne, born 1917, married March 29, 1943, Elinor Dicky Wood. (8) Emmye Augusta Payne, born 1920, married Jan. 25, 1939, George B. Canada.

3. Howard Stephen Payne, born 1877, third child of Robert Stephen Payne, married (1st) May 12, 1901 Edna Gore, who died May 26, 1912; married (2nd) Clara Flinn. By his first wife he had three children: (1) Richmond Byron Payne, born 1903, married January 18, 1926, Marjorie McReynolds, and has a daughter, Peggie Lee, and two sons: James Allen and Lawrence Howard Payne. (2) Robert Stephen Payne II, born 1905, married Oct. 1, 1926, Mary Aline Waugh, and has two daughters, Margaret Edna and Barbara Jean, and a son, Robert Stephen Payne III. (3) Lena Mae Payne, born 1908, married July 3, 1937, Macon Webb Lowe, and has a daughter, Anita Carolyn, and a son, Macon Webb Lowe, Jr.

4. Robert Gilbert Payne, born 1879, fourth child of Robert Stephen Payne, married Nov. 24, 1909, Freddie Lee Sage, who died August 25, 1941.

5. John Henry Payne III, fifth child of Robert Stephen Payne, was





born 1880; married June 14, 1910, Mala Shackleford. Six children were born to them: (1) Edna Terrell, born 1911, married Nov. 11, 1933, Horace Stepp, and has two daughters, Nancy Terrell and Bonnie Stepp. (2) Angus Edward Payne, born 1913, married June 15, 1936, Mildred Knox, and has two sons: Angus Paul and Dale Edward Payne. (3) John Henry Payne, IV, born 1915, married Dec. 15, 1937, Mary McFarlin. (4) Robert William Fayne, born 1919. (5) Stephen Edward Payne, born 1922. (6) Mala Payne, born 1934.

6. James Fewel Payne, born in 1882, was 6th child of Robert Stephen Payne and wife, Nannie E. Moody.

7. Francis Kesia Payne (called K.) born 1884, seventh child of Robert Stephen Payne, married Jan. 8, 1911, Nellie Murry. Their son, Milton Brinkley Payne II, born 1912, married June 5, 1939, and had a son, John Murry Payne. Their daughter, Renelle Payne, born 1914, married July 24, 1931, Cyrus Lewis, by whom she had two sons, John Upton Lewis and K. Payne Lewis. Later Renelle married Dr. G. A. Bush by whom she has two daughters, Julia Ann and Ann Livingston Bush.

8. Arthur Boyd Payne, born in 1886, eighth child of Robert Stephen Payne and Nannie E. Moody, died in 1892.

9. Rena May Payne, born 1888, ninth child of Robert Stephen Payne and wife, Nannie E. Moody, is the genealogist of this line of the Amoranda Wilson-Stephen Flinn family.

10. Lena Lee Payne, born 1890, 10th child of Robert Stephen Payne and wife, Nannie Moody, married Feb. 23, 1914, W. W. Watson.

Rena May Payne  
Olive Branch, Miss.

(6) Sallie Flinn married John Rutland.

(7) Cornelia Flinn married Lafayette Coopwood.

(8) James Madison Flinn married Rebecca Moody.

(9) Thomas Jefferson Flinn, 1837-1910, married Jan. 4, 1866, Sallie A. Moody, 1846-1909. They had nine children, four of whom reached maturity, viz.: 1. Edward William, b. Mar. 19, 1869, mar. (1) Dec. 7, 1893, Harrie Burton Pace, 1873-1908; and had two daughters, Irma and Annabel. On Aug. 15, 1911, Edward Flinn mar. (2) Harriett Norwell Moses in Brownsville, Tenn. This family lives in Amory, Miss. Both wives were granddaughters of Wright Nicholson, II.

2. James Moody Flinn, b. June 6, 1871; mar. July 27, 1896, Lillie DuBois of Olive Branch, Miss., and had Douglass, Mildred, and Sarah Flinn.

3. Rufus Jefferson Flinn, b. May 8, 1882, mar. on Aug. 25, 1903, Daisy Thompson of Amory, Miss. Their children: 1. Rivers who mar. Thurlow Malone; 3. Rowelle. After the death of his wife, Rufus J. married Sula Belle Betts of Amory.

4. Ina Wilson Flinn, b. Feb. 2, 1889.

Descendants of this line live in Amory, Miss.

(10) Eliza Flinn married Thomas Coopwood.

The only surviving child of this marriage, Mrs. Philip Schwam, of Olive Branch, Miss., writes as follows:

"Eliza Flinn was born August 10, 1840; died Nov. 3, 1893; married March 2, 1859, Thomas Coopwood, born March 7, 1837; died July 5, 1902.

"Six children were born to them: 1. William T. Coopwood, died, aged 1 1-2 years; 2. Maggie Coopwood, died, aged 2 years; 3. Cornelia Coopwood died, aged 8





years; (4) Jack Coopwood died in manhood; 5: Flinn Coopwood died in manhood; 6. Emma Coopwood married August 10, 1899, Philip Schwam. We have two children: Ruth Schwam, born July 4, 1902, and Wallace Schwam, born Jan. 17, 1907. Both are married. Ruth has one child, Margie. Wallace has none."

When Amoranda Wilson and her husband, Stephen Flinn, left Edgefield for Madison County, Ala., is not known, probably in 1816 when Amoranda's parents, Robert and Kezia Wilson, left and settled in Madison County, where they made a home, died and lie buried in a family plot on what was called the Nobles place, about sixteen miles from Athens, Ala., in Limestone County, formerly a part of Madison County; nor do we know how long after the proving of Robert Wilson's will, January 27, 1826, of which Stephen Flinn was an executor, they came to make their home in DeSoto Co., Miss., where many descendants still live.

## II. Shemuel Wilson

(Contributed by Mrs. J. N. Brown, Memphis, Tenn.)

II. Shemuel Wilson, son of Robert and Kezia (Nicholson) Wilson, was b. July 1, 1803; d. in his plantation home in Marshall Co., Miss., adjoining DeSoto Co. He mar. April 12, 1827 Parthenia Eddins, dau. of Joel and Judith (White) Eddins of Abbeville, S. C. whose families trace back into Colonial Virginia.

We have the deed to the section of land he bought in 1838 when, with his wife and four children, he came from Limestone County, Ala., leaving a baby, Judith Elizabeth, buried there.

Their children;

1. Robert Wilson, III, my father, born April 15, 1828.

2. Judith Elizabeth, died aged a year and 3 months.

3. Joel Eddins, 1832-1874, unmarried.

4. William Kendall, 1834-1900. A captain in the Civil War.

5. Alabama Indiana (called Bama), b. May 29, 1836. When just grown mar. William Crite and died in a few months.

Robert Wilson III, 1828-1876; mar. (1) in 1848 Julia Ann Crutcher (1831-1862). They had six children. Only one lived to maturity, our sister, Mrs. F. P. Swift (Fannie P.) born Nov. 5, 1861, lives here in her old home. Her husband was Francis Montgomery Swift, 1858-1901, whom she married January 13, 1887. Their children:

1. Wm. Wilson Swift, a lawyer, married Lila Kurtz after being in World War I and now lives in Haverford, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia.

2. Julia May, widow of the late Harry T. Poe of Greenville, S. C., where she lives.

3. Frances Louise, whose husband E. W. Sanford, was an aviator in World War I and is now a war invalid. They live in Hobart, Okla.

4. Elizabeth, a baby when her father died, lives with her mother.

Our father, Robert Wilson, III, married (2) 3-6-1866, Mary Elizabeth Matthews, 1839-1904. They had four children:

1. Willie M., born 3-1-1867; married in 1916 J. N. Brown, 1849-1922, a banker of Olive Branch, Miss. She was his second wife. Mr. Brown's only child is Pearl (Brown) Norvell. Her mother was Pattie Brooks; her husband, Thos. Hugh Norvell, was grandson of Wright Nicholson II. Pearl has a son in the service and a daughter, Mrs. E. E. Hudson. They all live in Olive Branch,





2. Alee died in infancy.

3. Wallace E., born Oct. 12, 1873, mar. on Oct. 12, 1925, Mrs. Lottie (Williams) Benefield.

4. Robert Wilson IV, 1875-1934, married Sept. 29, 1898, Mary Elizabeth Caraway who died in 1936.

Wallace, Robert, nor I have children.

William Kendall Wilson, 1834-1900, married Elizabeth Lipscomb. They had one child to reach maturity, Sallie Lipscomb Wilson, who married Professor S. P. Coleman of Altus, Ark., College where the family were then living. Her father died in Altus. With her mother and husband she then moved to Little Rock where Mr. Coleman was in the grocery business for a few years and died; then her mother passed away. Her only child had died an infant. Being alone, she took a child from the orphanage to rear. The child reached maturity, married and moved to Ohio. This last fall Lottie Conahan, the child she reared, came and took her home with her where she died, near Cincinnati, Dec. 12, 1943.

### III. Family of Sarah Wilson

Sarah Wilson, daughter of Robert and Kezia (Nicholson) Wilson, was born in Edgefield County, S. C., July 29, 1807; died Feb. 17, 1847; having married Hugh Golightly, born May 14, 1797; died Feb. 24, 1847. They lived and died in Madison Co., Ala., and are buried in the Golightly burial ground near Harvest, Ala., about 25 miles from Huntsville.

Robert Hugh Golightly, their only son to reach maturity, a young lad at the time of their deaths, in after years erected a handsome monument at their graves and enclosed graves and monument with an iron grille.

This Robert Hugh Golightly, the 4th child of Hugh Golightly and

wife, Sarah Wilson, was born May 18, 1830; d. Mar. 3, 1910; married Nov. 20, 1867 A. Louise Hill, born Sept. 23, 1836; d. Oct. 7, 1893. Her ancestry traces back to Colonial Virginia through the Revolutionary hero, Benjamin Eddins of Ninety Six District. (As authority for his service and heroism see Lossing's Field Book of the Rev. Vol. 2; Owen's Revolutionary Soldiers in Alabama, and Chapman's Annals of Newberry. For a time Robert Hugh Golightly and wife lived near Memphis and employed a private teacher for their older children. (That old home tract is now within the eastern city limits — the house is gone.) They then moved to Critten Co., Ark., where Robert Hugh had bought a plantation near Turrell. Here the three remaining members of this family have their plantation house kept by Anne Louise Golightly for her brother, Robert Hugh, Jr. Their Memphis home, 51 S. Evergreen, is kept by Mrs. Wilma (Golightly) Persons, a widow.

The children of Robert Hugh Golightly and wife, A. Louise Hill: 1. Robert Hugh, Jr. (called Hugh); William W., b. Dec. 23, 1871; died Dec. 9, 1938; 3. Byrd Hill, born Oct. 4, 1874; died Jan. 31, 1935; 4. Wilma (Mrs. Persons); 5. Anne Louise; 6. Shemuel, born Nov. 23, 1879; died June 4, 1881.

After William's death in 1938, such a shock to the three remaining, Hugh leased the plantation to the Farm Security Department of the government and retired.

After retiring, Hugh, Wilma and Anne Louise traveled until gas restrictions came into effect. On one trip they stopped at Edgefield, met members of the Nicholson family and then was when the desire came to Anne Louise to mark the grave of her ancestor, Lt. Wright Nicholson.

The complete list of children of





Hugh Golightly, 1797-1847, and his wife, Sarah Wilson, follows with some descendants:

1. Caroline Frances Golightly, 1823-1907.
2. Emily Wilson Golightly, 1825-1877.
3. Amoranda Golightly, 1828-1850.
4. Robert Hugh Golightly, 1830-1910.
5. Sarah E. Golightly, 1833-1870.
6. Shemuel Wilson Golightly, 1836; died a child.
7. Thomas H. Golightly, b. Feb. 1st, died Oct. 5, 1839.

#### Family of Caroline F. Golightly

1. Caroline F. Golightly, 1823-1907; married Dec. 12, 1843, James Adam Mitchell of Olive Branch, Miss. Children: (1) Sarah Elizabeth Mitchell, born Sept. 20, 1847; died Aug. 16, 1913; m. Jan. 7, 1868 John L. Harris, b. Jan. 29, 1832; d. Nov. 1, 1892. These are ancestors of Mrs. George F. Williams of White Bluff, Tenn., and her daughter, Mrs. Philip D. Smith.

(2) James Adam Mitchell, Jr., m. Elizabeth ----- of New Albany Miss., and had two children, Andrew and Eula who is the wife of Paul Edwards of Raleigh, Tenn. Their son, James Wesley Edwards, was graduated from Southwestern in Memphis in '43, and is said to be the youngest graduate the fine old college has ever had.

(3) William Wright Mitchell, I, 1853-1928; married Lena Rozelle and had one child, Wm. Wright II, who married Katherine Mitchell of Memphis (no relation) and has Mary Katherine (Mrs. Herron) Amelia, Wm. Wright III, who recently married Miss Bruce; and Caroline Mitchell.

(4) Louetta Amoranda Mitchell, 1855-1902; m. 1873 John L. Coopwood, 1849-1928. Their children to

reach maturity are: Mrs. J. H. Pace, a widow; Mrs. Wm. I. Stout, Mrs. Wm. K. Glasgow, all of Little Rock, M. Kemp Coopwood of Memphis, and Mrs. John W. Barry of Germantown, Tenn. These five have children, and some, grandchildren.

2. Emily Wilson Golightly, second child of Sarah Wilson and Hugh Golightly, was born Dec. 26, 1825; d. 1877; mar. Aug. 4, 1848 Humphrey McDonald Campbell and had: (1) Donald Campbell; (2) Ace Campbell; (3) Robert Campbell; and (4) Sarah Elizabeth Campbell.

We have no record of any but Donald Campbell. He was the 2nd husband of Mrs. Judith Leah (Golightly) Crittenden, dau. of James Golightly and wife, Leah Eddins. They had one child, Leah Campbell, now Mrs. C. C. Heckart, a widow, of Augusta, Ark. Mrs. Heckart's half brother, A. L. Crittenden, II, b. 11-30-1870; married Dec. 29, 1903, Nettie Baugh. They have two children: Mrs. L. Hillhouse of Marietta, Ga., and A. L. Crittenden II and his son bought a 1760 acre plantation in Woodruff County, Ark., where their ancestors, James Golightly and wife Leah Eddins settled in 1845.

(James Golightly was the brother of Hugh Golightly and Leah Eddins was sister of Parthenia Eddins, wife of Shemuel Wilson.)

3. Amoranda Golightly, the third child of Hugh and Sarah (Wilson) Golightly, was born May 29, 1828, died in 1850, having married Dec. 18, 1848, a Mr. Purcell.

4. Robert Hugh, the 4th child, and family have been given.

5. Sarah E., the fifth child of Hugh and Sarah (Wilson) Golightly, was born Sept. 19, 1833; died in 1870, having married a Mr. Gibson.

Of this line are Hugh Golightly, Mrs. Wilma G. Persons, and Anne Louise Golightly of Memphis, Tenn.





The following wedding invitation of the present time shows that the name of "Wright" is still handed down in the family history. The bridegroom, Lt. Wm. Wright Mitchell, is descended from Wright Nicholson of Edgefield and Mary Douglas Nicholson. Their daughter Kezia married Robert Wilson; Sarah Elizabeth Wilson married Hugh Golightly; Caroline Golightly married James Mitchell; William Wright Mitchell married Lena Rozelle. Dr. William Wright Mitchell II married Kate Mitchell; and Lieut. William Wright Mitchell III was married January 15, 1944, to Irene Adele Bruce. The invitations follow:

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lawson Bruce,  
junior  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Irene Adele

to  
William Wright Mitchell, junior  
Lieutenant, United States Army  
Air Forces

on Saturday, the fifteenth of  
January

at half after five o'clock  
Calvary Episcopal Church  
Memphis, Tennessee

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### Family Record of Sara Elizabeth Mitchell Harris

(Contribution of Mrs. P. D. Smith,  
White Bluffs, Tenn.)

Daughter of Caroline Golightly  
Mitchell and James Adam Mitchell.  
The great-granddaughter of Kezia  
Nicholson Wilson.

Sara Elizabeth Mitchell, b. Sept.  
20, 1847, d. Aug. 16, 1913), married  
Jan. 7, 1869, John Lewis Harris,  
Colonel in Civil War (b. Jan. 29,  
1832, d. Nov. 1, 1892).

Children:

1. John Lewis Harris, Jr., (born  
Dec. 12, 1869; died Aug. 6, 1931).

Married Lula Hutchison. No chil-  
dren.

2. Cadwalider Harris (born Aug.  
17, 1872), married Mary Adela  
Stratton. Two children.

3. Vay Elinor Harris (born Jan.  
11, 1875); m. George Francis Wil-  
liams. One child.

4. Sara Elizabeth Harris (born  
Feb. 17, 1879), m. Ransom Moore  
McElwrath. Two children.

5. Callie Francis Harris (born  
Sept. 4, 1881), m. Robert Trent  
Malone. Five children.

6. Dew Harris, born Dec. 25,  
1876; died Sept. 24, 1878.

7. James Adam Harris, born Jan.  
12, 1884; m. Ethel McKinnon. Two  
children.

Children of Cadwalider Harris  
and Mary Adela Stratton:

1. Lawrence Williams Harris, b.  
Oct. 23, 1904, died Dec. 27, 1942.  
Married Louise Platter. Two chil-  
dren: Joan Carol and Lawrence W.  
Harris, Jr.

2. Mary Elizabeth Harris, b. June  
12, 1906; m. Floyd B. Pleasants.  
One child, Floyd B. Pleasants, Jr.,  
Aug. 1911.

Children of Vay Elinor Harris  
Williams and Geo. F. Williams:

1. Ann Elizabeth Williams, born  
June 23, 1913; m. Philip D. Smith.  
One child, Andrew W. Smith, born  
July 27, 1937.

Children of Sara Elizabeth Har-  
ris McElwrath and R. M. McEl-  
wrath:

1. Vay Elizabeth McElwrath, b.  
Sept. 20, 1900.

2. Dorothy Vie McElwrath, born  
July 26, 1902; m. Robert Barney  
Bryant.

Children of Callie Francis Har-  
ris Malone and Robert Trent Ma-  
lone:

1. Walter Harris Malone, b. Aug.  
7, 1904; m. Mary Quinn Suggs. Two  
children, Mary Katherine and  
Francis Irene.

2. Williams Trent Malone, born





July 12, 1906.

3. George Lewis Malone b. June 28, 1911, killed by the Japs on an island in the Pacific, Nov. 11, 1942.

4. Robert Elmo Malone, born Nov. 25, 1915, died Jan. 23, 1916.

5. Thomas Franklin Malone, born Sept. 7, 1918; married Martha Louise McCallam.

Children of James Adam Harris and Ethel McKinnon Harris:

1. Sara Ellen Harris, born Aug. 17, 1914, married Edwin F. Bledsoe. Two children: Edwin Marshall Bledsoe and Betty Sue Bledsoe.

2. Ethel Adela Harris, born Nov. 19, 1923.

#### IV. Frances Wilson

(Information from Mrs. J. N. Brown, Memphis, Tenn.)

Frances or Fanny Wilson, the youngest child of Robert and Kezia (Nicholson) Wilson, was born April 13, 1809. She came back to Edgefield to visit and married Milton Blocker of Edgefield, who returned with her. She gave the land for a public cemetery in Olive Branch, Miss., where Stephen Flinn and his wife, Amoranda Wilson, are buried. The children of Fanny Wilson and Milton Blocker were:

Frances who married J. C. Neeley, a Memphis cotton merchant; Julia who married Dr. Howell Batte; and Milton, Jr., who married Lillie Maclin. Descendants of these marriages live in Memphis and in Olive Branch, Miss., in the home there that Aunt Frankie or Frances and her husband built when they settled in DeSoto Co., Miss.

#### VI

##### REPSY NICHOLSON

Repsama (Repsy) Nicholson, the

third child of Wright Nicholson, married Capt. Jonathan Dawson, born 1750.

Revolutionary record of Jonathan Dawson (according to A. S. Salley, State Historian): "Jonathan Dawson made oath to Benjamin Tutt, J. P., that he had not made any other order for the indent that was due him than that which he had written on the same sheet of paper, directing that his indent be paid over to Benjamin Tutt. His account is for duty per Colonel Anderson's return amounting to 105 pounds. The duty was done as a private before and after the fall of Charles Town."

Children of Jonathan Dawson and Kepsama Nicholson:

Elizabeth; Mary died unmarried; Edna married a Mr. Alexander of Jones County, Ga.; Kezia married Mr. Pickard of Muscogee Co., Ga.; Malachi married Miss McDaniel of Jones County, Ga. He was living in Upson Co., Ga., in 1875 at the age of 70 years.

#### VII

##### SHEMUEL NICHOLSON

The family Bible of Shemuel Nicholson was in the possession of Mrs. Annie Nicholson Roata, the daughter of Shemuel Wright Nicholson, and records from it were copied when it was in the home of Mrs. Mary Hartley.

Shemuel Nicholson, fourth child of Wright Nicholson, was born in 1772 and died April 1847, aged 75 years. He married Lydia Olphant in 1803. She died 1846, aged 57 years. Their children:

1. Noah Nicholson born Oct. 31, 1805, died Oct. 1826. Unmarried.





2. John O. Nicholson born Jan. 7, 1808, married Elizabeth Juliet Threewits Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, 1831, Rev. N. W. Hodges officiating.

3. Benjamin Nicholson born Sep. 22, 1810, married Miss Georgianna Blocker Thursday, 11th November 1830; died 29th March 1841. She died Jan. 1841.

4. Shemuel Wright Nicholson born 1815, married Susan A. Adams, daughter of Dr. James Fudge Adams.

5. Ann Nicholson, only daughter, born 1818, married David Richardson Strother. He was born 1815.

The Edgefield Advertiser of April 21, 1847, contains this tribute to Shemuel Nicholson: "Died at his residence in Edgefield District April 13, Mr. Shemuel Nicholson, Sr., in the 75th year of his age, having survived his beloved companion near one year.

"Truly we may say, 'A Father in Israel has fallen.' He had been a member of Little Stevens Creek Baptist church about 34 years, and acted a great part of that time as a deacon. His benevolence and sympathy were active and universal and they who knew him best were best prepared to know his worth.

"Brother Nicholson was a friend to the missionary cause and to every Institution which has the glory of God and good of man as its end. At the meeting of the church previous to his death he presented the suggestion to Brother Taylor relative to measures for getting contributions to the missionary cause, at which time he exhibited his warm-heartedness and open handedness. The time for specific action by the church was deferred until the next meeting, before which he was called home to receive his crown.

"He has left behind him children and grandchildren and a large cir-

cle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss, but they have consolation of knowing he has left an untarnished character of virtue and integrity, of devoted piety and active faith."

(Obituaries in old Advertiser's were usually written by ministers of the church or friends who sent them for publication.)

Shemuel Nicholson was the Executor of the estate of his brother-in-law, Thomas Adams, who had married his sister, Elizabeth. Thomas Adams died in 1809 and was buried in the Nicholson cemetery just two years after his father-in-law, Wright Nicholson, died in 1807. One of the older members of the family stated that Shemuel Nicholson was a very tall, fine looking man. His descendants are the only ones living in Edgefield County by name of Nicholson.

#### Will of Shemuel Nicholson, Son of Wright Nicholson I

Dated Nov. 12, 1845. Proven April 16, 1847.

He names his wife, Lydia, daughter of John Oliphant.

Children: Shemuel W. Nicholson; son-in-law, David Richardson Strother who married his only daughter, Ann; grandsons, Wm. A. and Benjamin Strother, John Lake Nicholson; granddaughter, Julia Nicholson; and Georgianna Nicholson.

Executors: Sons, John O. Nicholson and Shemuel W. Nicholson.

Witnesses: Joseph Adams, who was his nephew (son of his sister, Elizabeth Nicholson), John W. Ogilvie, John W. Thomas.

John Oliphant Nicholson  
Second Son of Shemuel and Lydia  
Oliphant Nicholson

Obituary from Edgefield Advertiser, 1851:





Died at his residence in this district Jan. 23; Dr. John O. Nicholson in his 43rd year. He was a member of Little Stevens Creek Baptist church for 18 years and deacon for ten years. He was a physician and member of the S. C. Legislature, but was most attached to agriculture and the church, which were more congenial to his meek and quiet spirit. Dr. Nicholson was hospitable, kind to the poor and a lover of good men.

#### **Children of Dr. John Oliphant Nicholson and Juliet Threewits:**

1. Catherine Jane Nicholson, born Jan. 1833, died young.

2. John Threewits Nicholson, born Jan. 18, 1835. Married Sarah Boatwright, only daughter of Burrell Boatwright. (Lived at the Ridge.)

3. Elizabeth Ann Nicholson, born Feb. 10, 1837, died young.

4. Lydia Emma Nicholson, born Dec. 18, 1838. Married Major John Blocker, graduate of West Point, killed during the War Between the States.

5. Benjamin E. Nicholson, born March 10, 1841. Married Elizabeth Hughes, daughter of John Halhead Hughes.

6. Ellen Nicholson married Dr. Ossamus Allen. He was born in 1825. She is buried in Nicholson cemetery.

7. Albert Nicholson married Sarah Winn Hughes, sister of Elizabeth Hughes, above.

8. Adeline Nicholson married Sumter Boatwright of the Ridge.

#### **John Threewits Nicholson**

John T. Nicholson, the second son of Dr. John O. and Elizabeth Threewits Nicholson, married Sarah Boatwright of the Ridge, where they lived. Their children were:

Burrell Boatwright Nicholson, Chloe Watson Nicholson, Elizabeth

Juliet who married J. C. Watson; Sophie Nicholson married James Bussey of Augusta; Mary Ellen Nicholson married Clifford Boatwright; John T. Nicholson died young; Emma Nicholson married Burdette Asbill; Lou Nicholson died young; Faust Boatwright Nicholson married Susie Chisolm of Charleston.

#### **Lydia Emma Nicholson**

Lydia Emma Nicholson, Nov. 24 1863 married Major John Blocker who was a graduate of West Point and was killed in the War Between the States. They had one son, John Rufus Blocker who married Miss Jackie Stevens and lived on the spot of the original Dr. J. O. Nicholson home. John R. Blocker, Jr., of Edgfield is the only descendant of that line bearing the name.

#### **Benjamin Edwin Nicholson**

Ben E. Nicholson, born March 1840, fifth child of John O. and Juliet T. Nicholson, married Elizabeth, the fourth daughter of Major John Halhead Hughes, on Oct. 31, 1865. The marriage took place at Cedar Grove. Their children:

1. Martha Juliet Nicholson born Sept. 12, 1866, married Thomas H. Rainsford Nov. 19, 1889.

2. Albert Rhett Nicholson born April 26, 1868, died Jan. 24, 1888.

3. Jennie (June) Hughes Nicholson, born Feb. 15, 1871, unmarried.

4. Halhead Hughes Nicholson born March 19, 1873, married T. B. Greneker Sept. 1895.

5. Benjamin Edwin Nicholson, born Jan. 15, 1875, married Helen Sheppard. Died Jan. 1919.

6. Robert Hughes Nicholson born June 30, 1877. Unmarried.

7. William Hughes Nicholson, born Dec. 11, 1879, married Elise Bates, Batesburg.

8. Sallie May Nicholson, born Feb. 26, 1882. Unmarried.





9. Lillian Lee Nicholson, born Feb. 15, 1884. Unmarried.

#### June Nicholson, Missionary

June Nicholson, daughter of Gen. B. E. Nicholson and Elizabeth Hughes Nicholson, was for some years a missionary of the Methodist Church, in China, having been in Shanghai as teacher in one of the Christian schools there. Her days of service were cut short by an illness contracted in China, and she came home to spend a few short months with her mother and family. A lovely book called, "The Days of June," was written of her life by Miss Mary Culler White who was associated with her.

#### Ellen (Eleanor) Nicholson

The sixth child of Dr. John O. Nicholson was Ellen Nicholson who married Dr. Ossamus W. Allen (born 1825). Dr. Allen served during the War Between the States and she died during his absence and was buried at the Nicholson cemetery. Their children:

1. Florence Eleanor Allen married W. W. Johnson and died without children.

2. Kate Allen married W. T. Kinnaid (Probate Judge, Edgefield). One son Ossamus Allen married Henrietta Wright; and a daughter, Eleanor, died in infancy.

3. Joseph Allen, unmarried, Probate Judge of Edgefield County.

4. Lilly Allen married Daniel Holland. Children: Lilly married Brooks Webb of Chappells; and John Holland, unmarried, lives in Edgefield.

#### Albert Nicholson

Albert R. Nicholson, the youngest son of Dr. John O. Nicholson and Elizabeth Threewits, was married at Cedar Grove to Sarah Winn Hughes Dec. 22, 1868. Children:

Mary married Robert L. Dunovant of Edgefield, December 1887.

Bessie married Wayne Darlington of Philadelphia.

Samuel Bones married Daisy Hill, Edgefield.

Sophia Nicholson, unmarried.

Eleanor married S. E. Johnston, of Georgetown.

Benjamin died at 21, unmarried.

John Hughes married (1) Ora Rives, Edgefield; (2) Josephine Kerr, Bradley, S. C.

Albert Rhett married (1) Helen Gambrell of Greenwood, and (2) Elizabeth Bryan of Greenville.

Lillian married Dr. John F. McGrath, New York.

#### Adeline Nicholson

Adeline Nicholson, the eighth and youngest child of Dr. John O. Nicholson, married Sumter Boatwright of the Ridge. Their children:

Burrell Boatwright married Lula Edwards. They live in Edgefield.

Llewellyn (Lewie) Boatwright married Bertha Dunn of Donalds, and lives at Ridge Spring, S. C.

John Boatwright died unmarried.

Wallace Boatwright married Helen Schumpert, daughter of John Schumpert of Johnston, and died in 1925.

#### Benjamin F. Nicholson

Third Son of Shemuel Nicholson and Lydia Oliphant

Benjamin Nicholson, the third son of Shemuel Nicholson and Lydia Oliphant, was born Sept. 22, 1810. He married Georgianna Blocker. The following deed gives location of the property of Benjamin F. Nicholson:

#### Register's Office

(Recorded in Book BBB, pages 54 and 55. George Pope, Clerk)

South Carolina

Edgefield District

#### Deed of Sale

Edmund Penn to Benjamin F.





Nicholson.

A. B. Addison one of the Justices of the Quorum, certifies that Rebecca S. Penn, wife of Edmund Penn, releases her dower, Sept. 19, 1840..

For the sum of nine thousand four hundred and ninety-one dollars and ninety five cents paid by Benjamin F. Nicholson of Edgefield Dis., all that plantation known as "the Grove" tract, situate, lying and being in the district and state aforesaid, on Log Creek, bound on the east by the lands of Eldred Simkins, Sr., deceased, on the west by lands of Francis Wilkenson Pickens and James Bones, on the north by lands of Benjamin F. Nicholson, and on the south by lands of Reuben Landrum and Mrs. Burns, containing one thousand and forty two and a half acres.

(We are indebted to Mrs. S. B. Nicholson for copy of the above deed.)

As Mr. Nicholson died March 29 1841 in his 31st year and Georgianna, his wife, died Dec. 4, 1840, they did not enjoy the above purchase very long. This land seems to be the same which is today called "The Grove," near Miss Mattie Lou Johnson's place and Mr. L. M. Johnson. The road has been changed when highway was built as the old settlement faced the other way on the old road.

According to records of Stevens Creek Baptist church, Benjamin F. Nicholson was a deacon of that church, as was his brother, Dr. John O. Nicholson, and their father, Shemuel Nicholson. He was called Major Nicholson.

The Edgefield Advertiser states in his obituary in 1841 that he died at his residence near Edgefield March 29 in his 31st year.

In The Advertiser Dec. 4, 1840, the death of his wife, Georgianna Blocker Nicholson, is announced: "Mrs. Georgianna Nicholson, con-

sort of Benjamin F. Nicholson, in her 28th year. She was adopted early in life by her grandmother, Mrs. James Morrison, in Charleston, and spent several years there, attending the best schools." Her grandmother was Anna Berwick a Scotch lady in New York City.

The children of Benjamin F. and Georgianna Blocker Nicholson were: 1. James Nicholson; 2. John Lake Nicholson; 3. Dr. Walter Nicholson; 4. Julia Blocker Nicholson; 5. Anna Berwick Nicholson; 6. Arthur Nicholson.

1. John Lake Nicholson on June 30 1854 married Miss Ann Patience Butler, daughter of William Moore Butler and Claudia Coddington Johnson who died 1840 in her 29th year, daughter of Dr. William Bullein Johnson. William Moore Butler was son of Stanmore Butler and Mrs. Patience Youngblood Butler. They are buried in Edgefield's historic cemetery. Ann Patience Butler's sister was Emmala Butler who married Gen. Wm. C. Moragne of Edgefield.

John Lake and Ann Butler Nicholson had the following children:

1. Lillie Nicholson married Joseph Lake of Phoenix in 1884 and had two daughters: Anna Nicholson Lake, born Feb. 11, 1886, and Emmie Butler Lake who died in infancy. Anna Nicholson Lake married T. Stuart Plowden and died in May 1923. Their children are Mack Plowden who is in the armed service somewhere in the Pacific and Mrs. William Riley, Hodges, S. C.

2. Claude Nicholson, married Josie Major of Anderson. Removed to Birmingham and was killed while working for railroad there. Left children: Leila Butler Nicholson Swim, no children; William John Nicholson, two boys, W. J. and Claud Edward; Emma Elvira Nicholson Alexander; Maud Eulalia





Nicholson, 1 girl, Mrs. Josephine Rains O'Donnell; Frank Andrew Nicholson, a daughter, Mary Nicholson, and a son, Frank Nicholson; Lilly Belle Nicholson Counts, one son, Billy Gene Counts.

3. Emmie Nicholson became the first wife of W. H. Stallworth, Jr., died shortly after marriage and left no descendants.

4. Julian Nicholson. Adopted by a Mr. and Mrs. Ross of Blacksburg and changed name to Julian Ross. Married and died in Lancaster years ago. He left son.

This John L. Nicholson married a second time in the State of Arkansas and has descendants there.

This line descends from Dr. William Bullein Johnson, Judge Arthur Simkins, and Stanmore Butler—an unusual heritage.

II. Dr. Walter Nicholson married Leontine Butler, daughter of W. P. Butler, Esq., May 1, 1860. Their children were: Laura, Butler, Walter, and Georgia. The only one of this family who had descendants is Walter Nicholson who married Miss Josie Fair. They had one child, Fair Nicholson.

III. Julia Blocker Nicholson married Col. John Talbert. Their children were: 1. Anna (married Clarence Seigler); 2. John F.; 3. Leila; 4. LeRoy; 5. Mary (married John Wash; 6. Georgia; 7. Joseph; 8. Carrie (married Congressman J. Jasper Talbert); and 9. Ansel.

IV. Anna Berwick Nicholson married Capt. James Carroll Brooks. Their children were Julia, Maybell and Walter.

Julia Brooks, the first child, married Jesse Morgan and had five children: (1) Annabel, first wife of L. D. Holmes, Johnston; (2) Elsie married Boyce Johnson; (3) Lizzie married Lewis Frontis Holmes; (4) Carroll; and (5) Julian; and Brooks died at 23, unmarried.

### Shemuel Wright Nicholson Fourth Child of Shemuel Nicholson and Lydia Oliphant Nicholson

Shemuel W. Nicholson married Susan A. Adams and had the following children: Julia E., Lucy Jane, James A., Noah, Lydia Oliphant, Frances Ann, Memminger, Emma Sophia, Sarah Alice and Ida Pauline.

1. Julia E. Nicholson born June 13, 1836, married Maj. W. L. Coleman of Johnston, Oct. 18, 1882. Died 1903. No children.

2. Lucy Jane Nicholson, born Jan. 22, 1838, married John Pearson Bates, Lexington, Jan. 10, 1853. Children:

(1) Lucia Bates married Benjamin McGee of Greenville. He later moved to California. They had three children: Ida Mae McGee (Mrs. Edward C. Bull); Aileen McGee, Carmel, Calif.; and Benjamin McGee, of California.

(2) Mary Eloise Bates married John Curran Hartley of Batesburg, who died April 27, 1881. Their child, born Oct. 18, 1881, was a daughter, Curran Hartley, who married Oct. 10, 1905, Capt. Percy Marshall Feltham, a native of England (ancestral homes at Rumsey, England, and the Isle of Wight).

(3) John Pearson Bates, Jr., unmarried.

(4) Eugene Franklin married Lou Brazeale. No children.

(5) Ella Lydia unmarried.

3. James A. Nicholson, born Nov. 1839, died 1871 unmarried.

4. Noah Nicholson born March 1842, unmarried.

5. Lydia Oliphant Nicholson born Feb. 1844, married (1) Mr. Thomas Bones who died in 1867, aged 46; (2) Mr. Samuel Tannahill of Augusta, Ga. Children: Maggie Sue Tannahill married Dr. Frank





Tarver, Augusta; Samuel Tannahill who married; Louise Tannahill, of Asheville, and Joe Day Tannahill, Greenville, unmarried.

6. Frances Ann (Annie) Nicholson, born Nov. 7, 1846, married William T. Roath of Columbia, in 1868. Their only child, Daisy, died young.

7. Memminger Nicholson, born July 9, 1847, married Ida Thomas. Children: Charles Augustus, married Myrtle Booth; Shemuel W. married Dec. 11, 1903, Miss B. A. Cartledge, daughter of Joseph Cartledge; James A., unmarried; Don Cameron married Janie Moody; Susan married Harry Culbreath; Julia married David Fant; Annie Roath married Lewis Stevens; and Mary Rebecca married William C. Lowder.

8. Emma Sophia Nicholson, born July 29, 1848, married Oliver L. Dobson of Charleston, Jan. 12, 1868. Children: Charles Rose married Hallie Palmer, Augusta, Ga.; Susan married W. A. Strom; Oliver L. married (1) Miss Ella Seago, (2) Mrs. Kathryn Mulcay; William married Bessie Hankinson, Beech Island, S. C.; Manly married Ellee Swearingen, Trenton; Sophie, Marion, and Grace Dobson.

9. Sarah Alice Nicholson, born July 6, 1852, married John P. Norris, Oct. 27, 1870. Children: Wayland Wallace (Rechi); William Roath, died Dec. 1943; Pope and Augustus, unmarried. John S., born Feb. 27, 1885, married Amelia Glover Feb. 18, 1906. Their only child, Alexander Pope Norris, born April 3, 1909, died Dec. 9, 1934, married Annie Laurie Glover (no relation), Aug. 15, 1928. Their son, William Alton Norris, born July 3, 1931, Warrenton, S. C., is the only

descendant of Alice Nicholson Norris.

Ida and Julia Norris, the two daughters, died unmarried and were buried in the Nicholson cemetery.

10. Ida Pauline Nicholson, born Oct. 1854, married Benjamin Boatwright of Ridge Spring. Children: Benjamin Boatwright married his cousin, Rita Boatwright of Ridge Spring; Sallie Lou died young; Burrell Thomas married Hattie Toney of Johnston; Frank married and lives in the old Boatwright home at Ridge Spring, and Maudelle married Courtney McLean.

#### Sheba Ann Nicholson

Ann Nicholson, only daughter of Shemuel and Lydia Oliphant Nicholson, was born in 1818 and married David Richardson Strother, born 1815. Children:

1. Benjamin Nicholson Strother, who was married (1) to Bessie Reed; (2) Lucy Reed, sisters. Lucy Reed and Benjamin N. Strother had four sons: Benjamin N., Augustus, Reed, and Otey. All are dead except Otey who is unmarried and now lives in Wilmington, N. C.

2. Dr. William A. Strother married Miss Bacon of Albany, Ga. They had two sons and one daughter, Minna. One son died after he was grown, unmarried. Weymand, second son, graduate of Annapolis, in Navy. Minna was married twice and had two sons.

From The Advertiser, Sept. 3, 1845:

Died Tuesday, Aug. 26, Mrs. Ann Strother, wife of Mr. David R. Strother and only daughter of Shemuel and Lydia Oliphant Nicholson.





## VIII

ELIZABETH NICHOLSON  
Fifth Child of Wright Nicholson  
Married Thomas Adams

## THOMAS ADAMS OF VIRGINIA

All true history comes from the lips or pens of those who were present when the events occurred.

Hiram Adams, son of Thomas, said his father told him he was of the family of Thomas Adams of Virginia who had brothers, Richard and William. Richard signed the Bill of Rights before the Declaration of Independence. Much work has been done in securing information, but there were numerous names of Adams families and hundreds of Revolutionary soldiers, and the task so far has not yet been undertaken.

Thomas Adams who came to Edgefield County received personally four grants of land from 1763 to 1771. Whether he came to South Carolina immediately on receiving the first grant of 300 acres is not known.

Dr. Joseph Quincy Adams, his grandson, son of Richard Wright Adams, wrote in 1913: "Thomas Adams came from Virginia. He lived near the old Nicholson grave yard.

"I have seen an old grave there which Cousin James Adams (son of Joseph Adams) pointed out to me as his, with T. A. cut on a rock at the head of it. He and two brothers came to Edgefield County before the Revolutionary War and settled on large grants of land from King George III. The two brothers became dissatisfied and sold out to my grandfather, Thomas, and they returned to Virginia."

Thomas Adams built his home on the original Cambridge road diagonally across from the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ouzts, nearer Edgefield.

Thomas Adams married Elizabeth Nicholson, fifth child of Wright Nicholson. They had five children: (1) Richard, (2) Hiram, (3) Talbot, (4) Joseph, (5) Lucinthia, as will be seen in his will which follows:

## Will of Thomas Adams

The State of South Carolina  
Edgefield District.

In the Name of God Amen.

I, Thomas Adams, being in a low state of health but of sound and proper memory—do hereby make my last will and testament. First, I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God who gave it in sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection and my body to be buried as my friends think proper. For what worldly goods it has pleased God to bless me I dispose of in a manner and form as follows:

1st. It is my desire that a bay stud horse, one set of blacksmith tools, one sorrel filly, one pair of mill stones, and also any other of my personal estate be sold on credit for twelve months by my executors if they may think it is of benefit to my heirs.

3rd. And as for the rest of my estate both real and personal to be kept together for the benefit of my wife Elizabeth Adams and for the raising and schooling of my five children to wit, — Wright, Hiram, Talbot, Joseph and Lucinthia, until the youngest comes of age, or marries, but in case my said wife should marry, then and in that case for her to be entitled to one third of my estate, both real and personal and the other two thirds to be kept together as above mentioned or in case my said wife should remain single until my youngest child becomes of age or marries, then a division to take place as above mentioned. That is to say, an equal division of the two thirds amongst





my five children as above mentioned.

4th. It is my desire that the money arising from such sales and belongings to said estate to be appropriated to purchase young negroes for the benefit of my heirs.

5th. But in case any of my said children become of age or marry before a division is made of said estate, in that case, for my executors to pay them as much of their part as they think proper without injury to the younger children.

I do here nominate, appoint and constitute my beloved wife Elizabeth Adams, Shemuel Nicholson and Jesse Blocker my lawful executrix and Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine and in the 34th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Thomas Adams Seal)

Signed—

Theophilus Nicholson  
David Nicholson

Abner Blocker

From available dates the Adams children were very young when their father died in the summer of 1809.

After the death of Thomas Adams, Elizabeth his wife married again about 1817 and went to Alabama, but did not live long enough to return for her children. They were left with their Aunt Rebecca and grandmother, Mary Douglass Nicholson.

All the papers and grants of land were in the possession of their uncle, Shemuel Nicholson, and his son, Shemuel W. When Mr. Nicholson passed away all these old papers were destroyed, which contained valuable material of great historical interest to descendants.

Thomas and Elizabeth Nicholson Adams had five children: Richard Wright, Hiram, Talbot, Lucinthia, and Joseph.





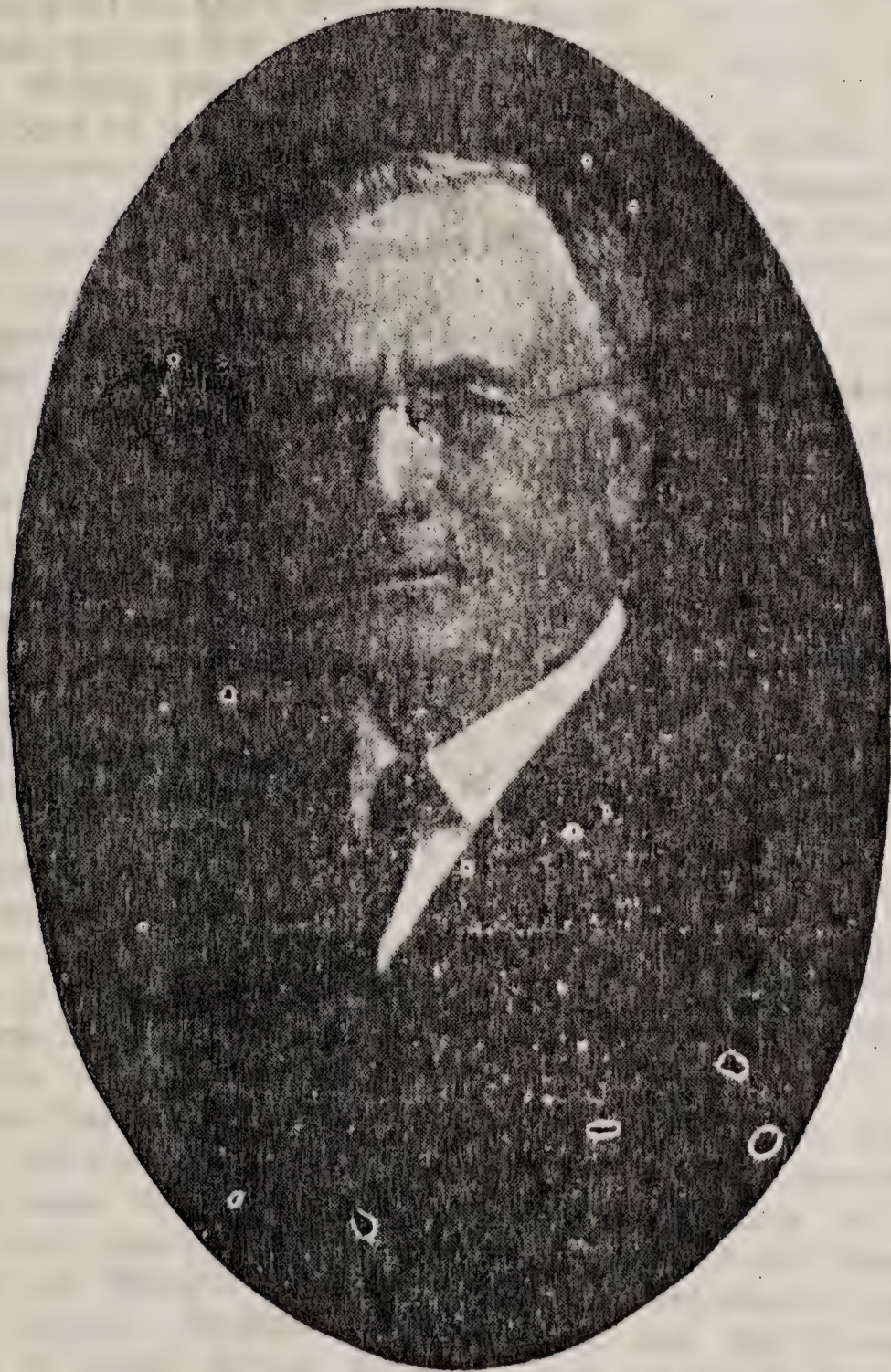


### ADAMS HOME

Built by Richard Wright Adams, where his son,  
Dr. Joseph Quincy Adams, was born,







DR. JOSEPH QUINCY ADAMS

Distinguished Baptist minister, descendant of  
Thomas Adams and Elizabeth Nicholson.





## ADAMS BRANCH OF THE NICHOLSON FAMILY

### 1. Richard Wright Adams

Richard Wright Adams, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Nicholson Adams, was born 1800, died in 1864, and lived on same side of the Cambridge road as did his father, Thomas, though nearer Edgefield. This was one of the best houses in the county, situated about one mile east on Cambridge road, or Meeting Street road as it is now known, and was built in 1829, as a stone on a chimney still standing indicates. The date is preceded by the name, Richard Adams. It was burned years ago. This was of later years known as the McGee place. It was inherited by second daughter of Richard Wright Adams, Emmie, who married J. M. McGee.

The first wife of Richard Adams was Sabra J. Mobley who with all the family is buried at Nicholson cemetery. Sabra Adams was born March 2, 1818, and died Dec. 1, 1846, aged 28 years.

Two small tombstones in the Nicholson cemetery mark graves of children of Richard Wright Adams and Sabra Mobley.

Cornelia Adams died Sept. 10, 1843, and Harriett T. Adams died at about six years of age.

Sabra was daughter of John Mobley and Lucretia Simkins, the daughter of William Simkins and Winnie Vardell. William Simkins was son of Judge Arthur Simkins of Cedar Fields.

The family of John Mobley will be of interest.

Eliza Mobley was first wife of James Sheppard of Liberty Hill.

Emmie Youngblood Mobley married George Sheppard of Liberty Hill.

Sabra J. Mobley married Richard Wright Adams.

Winnie Simkins Mobley married Major William Daniel.

Sarah Louise Mobley was 2nd wife of James Sheppard, mother of Governor John C. Sheppard.

Elizabeth Mobley married Jesse Gomillion.

Dr. Wm. Simkins Mobley married (1) Harriet Goode, (2) Susan Neale.

Eldred Mobley married Eliza Dozier.

Whitfield Mobley, unmarried.

Dr. John Richard Mobley married (1) Mary Griffin, (2) Emma Griffin. Grandfather of Mrs. Agnes Mace of Marion and Miss Emma Griffin.

Both Mr. and Mrs. John Mobley survived their daughter as recorded in old Advertisers.

Children of Richard Wright Adams and Sabra Mobley:

1. Ann Elizabeth buried at Nicholson cemetery beside her mother. She married Dr. Frank Rose Timmons of Charleston. She was in school in Anderson and he had just begun the practice of medicine there. After their marriage they came to Edgefield and made their home on a road still travelled between the old Nicholson place and the Greenwood highway near Turkey Creek.

Their children were: Dr. Manly Timmons who married Mae Youngblood, daughter of Capt. Erasmus Youngblood and Ellen Smith of the prominent Smith family of Saluda. She and Dr. Timmons were both descendants of Judge Simkins.

He was born at his grandfather's, Richard Adams' home, February 7, 1857, and named Basil Manly. He died October 7, 1939.

Dr. and Mrs. Manly Timmons were married at Winter Seat, her father's home, Jan. 24, 1895, by Rev. J. S. Jordan and Rev. P. P. Blalock. Dr. Timmons was at the time of his death over 82 years of age, and the oldest practicing den-





list in South Carolina.

The second child of Dr. F. R. Timmons and Annie Adams was Emmie, who lived with her brother, Dr. Timmons, at Edgefield, until her marriage. She married Mr. Rankin in Augusta and they moved to Jacksonville. She lived there for a number of years and is buried at Edgefield.

Beauregard and Davis Timmons were twin sons of Dr. Frank R. Timmons, born Oct. 1861.

Beauregard married Josie Cuthbertson of North Carolina January 5, 1895, and they lived at Edgefield. He was a druggist. Mrs. Timmons died a number of years ago.

Davis Timmons, the other twin, was also a druggist.

Richard Wright Timmons, son of Dr. Frank and Annie Adams Timmons, married Sallie Mims, daughter of Capt. Erasmus Mims of Augusta, formerly of Edgefield, son of Dr. Richard Tutt Mims.

Frank Rose Timmons, another son of Dr. Frank R. and Annie Adams, married Orlena Quarles at Ridge Spring, Feb. 21, 1894.

Sam Timmons, son of Dr. Frank R. Timmons, married and lived in Jacksonville, Fla., for a number of years. No children.

Muriel Timmons, daughter of Dr. Frank R. Timmons, married Arthur Youngblood Dec. 27, 1895, at the home of her brother, Dr. Manly Timmons. They have two sons.

2. Emmie Adams, second daughter of Richard Wright Adams and Sabra Mobley, married J. M. McGee of Abbeville and lived in the old Adams home. After several years all this property was sold and they moved to Greenville.

Children of Emmie Adams and J. M. McGee:

(1) Herbert McGee, eldest son, was drowned in Reedy River 14 or

16 years of age.

(2) John Henry graduated from Richmond College, dying five years later.

(3) Robert Lee McGee married Agnes Lipscomb. Three children died in childhood. He has one son, R. L. McGee, Jr.

J. M. McGee married a second time to Mattie Merritt of Ridge Spring. Before he was first married he taught in Edgefield County. He was an elder brother of Benjamin M. McGee who married Lucia Bates, the parents of Mrs. Ida May Bull, Aileen and Benjamin McGee, now of California. Old Stevens Creek Church has been the scene of many a romance and this was one. While Benjamin was visiting his brother at the old Richard Adams home they drove to church at Stevens Creek and there he met and later married Lucia Bates, a granddaughter of Shemuel Wright Nicholson.

Richard Wright Adams married second Clarissa Peterson, daughter of Basle Peterson, Feb. 19, 1852. They were married by Rev. James Peterson. She died in her 34th year in 1856.

Her mother was Charlotte Richardson, born 1792, died 1862. She was daughter of David Richardson and his wife, Frances Elizabeth Williams, of Richardsonville, Edgefield county, now cut off into Saluda. The old cemetery is at Richardsonville, now very much neglected but still a beautiful spot. The original road led by the graveyard and was the main highway from Chappells to Johnston by way of Saluda C. H. We are indebted to Mrs. Sallie Hollingsworth for some of this information.

Children of Richard Wright Adams and Clarissa Peterson:

1. Mary Eloise Adams. She was very pretty and gentle. She married





John Brooks, son of Mr. Lemuel Brooks, of Brevard, N. C., formerly of Edgefield. He died when their children were very young and she also died before they were grown. Her brother, Dr. Joseph J. Adams, and Mr. Hiram Quincy Adams of Beaufort, shared in taking them as welcome and loved charges.

Their names were: Clara, Boyce, Ada, Gertrude. The latter was in Washington in some department of government. Boyce and Ada were living in Atlanta some years ago.

Miss Gertrude Brooks, daughter of John and Mary Adams Brooks, said that the eldest daughter of her grandfather, Lemuel Brooks, Maria, married Rev. John Trapp, a pioneer Baptist preacher of Edgefield county. The father of Lemuel Brooks she said, was named Esau, and he had a twin brother, Jacob.

Mr. Lemuel Brooks, who had lived at Walnut Grove plantation, 3 miles from Phoenix, later went to Brevard, N. C., and had a beautiful home right on an eminence overlooking the French Broad river.

2nd son of Richard Wright and Clarissa Peterson: Joseph Quincy. He was born Aug. 7, 1855, died at Ridgeway, S. C., Feb. 20, 1921. He married Miss Mamie Davis of Greenville. He was a Baptist minister. Built four large churches, one of them the Main Street Baptist church in Greenwood, another, the Fritchard Memorial church in Charlotte. He was also pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist church. He died at the home of his son, Richard Wright Adams, at Ridgeway.

By the first marriage of Dr. Joseph Quincy Adams and Mamie Davis Adams there were three sons:

(1) Joseph Quincy Adams, Jr., was for a long time professor at Cornell University, now in charge of the Folger Shakespearean Library in Washington, D. C. He married and has a daughter.

(2) Winston Davis Adams was associated with the Charlotte Observer and a prominent business man of Charlotte. Died unmarried.

(3) Richard Wright Adams married Miss Mary Nunnery of Harmony, Chester county, and had two daughters, Mary Davis and Anna.

Dr. Adams married second, Alice Leslie Pleasant of Asheville, N. C., in 1901. She was born in High Point, N. C., Jan. 6, 1870.

Dr. and Mrs. Adams had two sons, Dr. Leslie Pleasant Adams, born Jan. 6, 1902, and Cornelius Lawrence Adams, born Dec. 20, 1905. The two sons were born in Charlotte. Dr. Leslie Adams married Lillian Brennan and practices medicine in New York City.

Dr. Cornelius Adams married Helen DeLong of New Haven, Conn. They have three sons, Richard, Lawrence, and Joseph. Lawrence Adams is Professor of Fine Arts in the University of Missouri at Columbus.

Third child of Richard Wright Adams and Clarissa Peterson was Talbot Wright Adams, a newspaper man who lived a very short time in Edgefield with his cousin, Thomas J. Adams, and assisted in the office of The Advertiser. He edited several papers in North Carolina and Alabama. Died unmarried. While in Alabama he met and conversed with his cousins, the descendants of his uncle, Dr. Talbot Adams, who wrote of their joy in seeing and meeting a member of their family and bearing the name of Talbot.

When the three children of Richard Wright and Clarissa Peterson were left very young, they made their home with their half-sister, Annie, Mrs. Frank Timmons.

Their administrator of estate was Mr. Tillman Padgett, father of the late A. E. Padgett, a neighbor,





## 2. Hiram Adams

Hiram Adams, second son of Elizabeth Nicholson Adams, was born in 1802 and died in 1864 before the Confederate war closed, and while both his sons were in the army, Thomas J. and Hiram Quincy Adams.

Hiram Adams married May 1, 1844, Lydia Honoraria Gile, born Feb. 29, 1813, at Littleton, N. H. She was daughter of John Gile and Lydia Clements. Lydia Gile Adams died April 19, 1875, at Brevard, N. C., and is buried in the church yard of "St. John's in the Valley" on the French Broad River about two miles from Brevard.

Hiram Adams and Lydia Gile were married at the home of Dr. John O. Nicholson where she was boarding and the head of a school called one year, "The Female Academy," another, "Harmony Grove Female Academy," and another, "Elton Female Academy."

She began this academy in January 1840, having been head of the schools at Saratoga and Schenectady, New York.

During a call at the home of Richard Wright Adams she met Hiram Adams, his brother. He was 42 years of age and she 31 when they were married. They lived first at the old Thomas Adams home near Elmwood. They lived once at Hamburg and owned property there. Later they bought Limestone and built the home where the family was reared. Mr. Adams while at Elmwood was a deacon of Stevens Creek church, as were also his two brothers, Richard and Joseph. Later he was a member at Gilgal.

This Limestone place was sold to Dr. J. S. Strom when after the war all the family left that section. The original house was burned of a similar construction to the home of Richard Adams, a picture of which

will be seen in this book.

## Children of Hiram and Lydia Gile Adams

1. Thomas John, born March 12, 1846, married Elizabeth Eleanor Miller, born Feb. 25, 1841, died Jan. 1922. She was daughter of Charles Wilds Miller and Elizabeth Haynsworth of Sumter, later Marion. They were married May 6, 1869, at Edgefield at the home of her sister, Mrs. Susan Miller Abney. Mrs. Adams taught nine years before her marriage, in Edgefield county. Thomas J. Adams was educated at Erskine college, Virginia university, and Union college, N. Y. Served during the four years of the Confederate war, wounded at Malvern Hill. Spent six months in Brazil with the Colonization Society. After his return and soon after his marriage, they spent a year in Florida, teaching at Madison.

Mr. Adams studied law with Judge McGrath and practiced with John E. Bacon until he bought "The Advertiser," the latter part of 1873, continuing as editor until his death in May, 1902.

Two children were Florence and Hortense.

Florence married Julian Landrum Mims Oct. 6, 1897.

Hortense Haynsworth, born June 26, 1876, died 1881.

2. Hiram Quincy Adams, son of Hiram and Lydia Gile Adams, was born Oct. 3, 1847, educated in the North, married Martha Brooks, daughter of Lemuel Brooks, Dec. 3, 1868, at Walnut Grove Plantation, three miles from Phoenix. They had one daughter, Mary Eva, born April 1, 1870, died Oct. 1, 1872.

Mr. Adams conducted a large stock farm in Beaufort county and was county treasurer for some years. He served in the war of the Confederacy for two years. He built in his later years a home at Brevard, N. C., and lived there. At





terwards he lived at Lavonia, Ga., where he had a book store and was librarian at Carnegie Library. His wife died at Lavonia, when he went to Atlanta and was with his wife's nephew and his cousin, Boyce Brooks till his death.

3. Ella Florence Adams, daughter of Hiram and Lydia Gile Adams, was born at Limestone Feb. 19, 1851. She was educated at Due West college, Charleston, S. C., and Nyack, N. Y. Died at Charlotte where she was living with her son, C. A. Duckworth, and was buried at Oaklawn cemetery Feb. 1, 1931.

Ella Florence Adams married Oct. 21, 1875, at Edgefield, William Blythe Duckworth, attorney at law at Brevard, N. C. He was son of William and Emily Jordan Duckworth, educated at Furman university, read law under John W. Stokes of Greenville, S. C., and admitted to the North Carolina bar Jan. 14, 1868. Practiced in Brevard, Asheville and Hendersonville until his death in November 1910. He served in Confederate war from 1863 under Capt. Thos. C. Gallo-way, 14th N. C. Battalion. Baptist, mayor of Brevard, city and county attorney. Was one of the prime movers in getting the Hendersonville-Brevard Railroad built.

Children: (1) Nina Wenonah; (2) Clyde Adams; (3) Karra Etta; (4) Ray Thomas; (5) Bessie Lou; (6) Josephine Florence; (7) Isolee Gile.

Nina W. Duckworth has held several business positions, in Charlotte, later became connected with the business administration of the National Park Seminary, Washington, D. C. After resigning this position she lived in Oklahoma, then Atlanta, and is now in charge of the office of a large real estate concern in Charlotte. She maintains her office at 524 N. Tryon St., Charlotte.

Clyde Adams Duckworth was

born at Brevard Aug. 1, 1877, was admitted to Charlotte bar August 1908. He is member First Baptist church, Charlotte, a deacon, and organized in said church the first Junior congregation in the Carolinas in February 1927 and has been director since the beginning. He is a Mason and a Shriner. Married Annie Lyle Jennings of Madisonville, Va., Oct. 19, 1910. She was born in Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 14, 1880, daughter of James J. Jennings and Nannie Jane Hamlet, died March 28, 1929.

Children of Clyde Adams Duckworth and Annie Lyle Jennings Duckworth:

William Clyde, married Vivian Burgess of Charlotte, June 21, 1941; James Jennings, in overseas service; Clarence Wilbur, married Ruth Gesine Boate of Washington, D. C., both in service of their country at Sioux Falls, S. Dakota; Mae Douglas married Clarence Caldwell Hope of Charlotte, Feb. 5, 1944, in his country's service.

Roy Thomas Duckworth, son of W. B. and Ella F. Adams Duckworth, born March 7, 1880, at Brevard, married Nettie Lance of Brevard, Oct. 29, 1911. Lives in Charlotte. Children: Roy Elmore Duckworth, married Minnie Lee Cole of Raleigh, April 6, 1943; Lydia Gile Duckworth married Asher Lewis of Charlotte; Nina Joe Duckworth married Lamar Clements of Atlanta; Thomas Jefferson married E. Roberts of Charlotte.

Karra Etta Duckworth, daughter of W. B. and Ella F. Adams Duckworth, born 1882, died April 16, 1895.

Bessie Lou Duckworth, daughter of W. B. and Ella F. Adams Duckworth, born 1882, married Ernest L. Whitehead of Charlotte, May 5, 1928. No children.

Josephine Florence, daughter of W. B. and Ella F. Adams Duck-





worth, born in Brevard, Feb. 18, 1889, married Richard Floyd of Walhalla, Sept. 25, 1910. Lived in Asheville, Oklahoma, and now living in Oakland, California. Children: Richard Floyd, died in infancy; Thomas Floyd and Bruce Floyd (twins). Donald Floyd now holds the tennis championship for North Carolina.

Isolee Gile Duckworth, daughter of W. B. and Ella F. Adams Duckworth, born in Brevard, Dec. 29, 1897. Educated in Charlotte. Married Evitt C. Goode of Charlotte Aug. 16, 1918. Children: Virginia Lee (Mrs. Wm. Pearson); Barbara Duckworth (Mrs. Clarence Blake); Isolee Gile Goode; Evitt Cann and Annette Goode died in infancy.

### 3. Talbot Adams

Dr. Talbot Adams, third son of Thomas and Elizabeth Nicholson Adams, was born in Edgefield County, was educated at South Carolina College, and became a physician. In 1828 he moved to Green County, Ala., having married Elizabeth Spencer of Edgefield County. He went later to Sumter County, Alabama, and finally to Pickens County in that State, where he acquired a large estate and died Nov. 26, 1876.

Children of Dr. Talbot Adams and Elizabeth Simpson Spencer:

1. Robert Washington Adams died in Sunflower County, Miss., unmarried.

2. Thomas Spencer Adams married Lucy Tunstal Clanton in 1857 and died in Sunflower County, Miss. Children: Solomon Clanton Adams, Elizabeth Presnal Adams, Talbot Nicholson Adams, and Mary Temperance Adams.

(1) Dr. Solomon Clanton Adams married Minnie Gray Washington Dec. 3, 1911.

(2) Elizabeth Presnal Adams married Andrew L. Williams. Chil-

dren: Talbot Adams Williams, born 1890; Susie Williams, 1892; Joan Elizabeth, 1895; Grace Williams, 1899; and Andrew L. Williams, Jr., 1902. They live in Bay City, Texas.

(3) Talbot Nicholson Adams moved to Texas in 1882 and there are no further records.

(4) Mary Temperance Adams married (1) C. W. Houston and had one child, Lucy Houston, (2) in 1908, W. A. Morris of Formosa, Fla., where she made her home.

3. Talbot Nicholson Adams, son of Dr. Talbot Adams, married Mary E. Jones in 1869. They had four children:

(1) Andrew Talbot Adams died at 16.

(2) James Jones Adams was drowned in the Tombigbee River, aged 22, unmarried.

(3) Elizabeth Simpson Adams married W. D. King. Their children: W. D. King, Jr., born 1899; James Leslie King, 1904; and Le-Vert Adams King, 1912.

(4) Frances Elizabeth Adams married Marshall Garth and had two daughters, born in 1911 and 1913. They live in Epes Station, Sumter Co., Ala.

### 4. Lucinthia Adams

Lucinthia Adams, born 1806, the only daughter of Thomas Adams and Elizabeth Nicholson, married Philemon Kirkland. They lived in Alabama where she went with her mother after her second marriage. They had five children: Philemon, Laura, Mattie, Lou Ella and Talbot Adams Kirkland.

1. Philemon Kirkland never married, died in youth.

2. Laura Kirkland married Dr. John White of Quitman, Miss. They had two sons: (1) Hervey S., died at age of 16, and (2) John M. White, a practicing physician in Meridian, Miss., who married a Miss Lee. One daughter died while





at college.

3. Mattie Kirkland died in youth.

4. Lou Ella Kirkland married R. W. Powell of Pickens Co., Alabama and died without children.

5. Talbot Adams Kirkland married Kate Connerly of Pickens Co., Ala. They died around 1895, leaving one son (1) David Connerly Kirkland who married in Aliceville (Pickens Co.) Ala.

(Material about Talbot and Lucynthia Adams was furnished by Dr. Solomon Clanton Adams, Cedar Bluff, Miss., in 1913.)

#### 5. Joseph Adams

Fourth son of Thomas and Elizabeth Nicholson Adams. Joseph Adams was born April 8, 1808, and married April 28, 1828, Frances Elizabeth Adams, daughter of Dr. James Fudge Adams and Lucy Glover Adams. Drury Adams, Revolutionary soldier, and Margaret Fudge were parents of Dr. James Fudge Adams. The latter was born April 24, 1789, died July 6, 1865.

Frances E. Adams, wife of Joseph Adams, born July 1, 1810, died May 17, 1853. She was member of Little Stevens Creek church for 18 years. Her mother, Lucy Glover, was born Nov. 15, 1790, died Aug. 15, 1848. Joseph Adams died Oct. 1869.

Joseph Adams lived on the Cambridge or Meeting Street road about two miles south of Little Stevens Creek church. He had two homes, one destroyed by fire. The last one can be remembered by many people living today. One of his grandsons, W. L. Daniel, of Greenwood, said that after the first fire, his grandfather decided to build his home all on one floor. This was an unusually long house, well built and spacious. The place was called Elton. He had many slaves and an old servant related the fact that Mr. Adams was most kind and considerate of them and

that he made special provision for the Negro children, seeing that appropriate food was served them on long tables and that they were served separately by Negro "maumas" under close supervision. Another distinguishing trait was that he was known as the peace-maker for the whole community. It is said that both sides of any difficulty which arose would consult him and he was able to pour oil on the troubled waters.

Some of the most beautiful hand-woven spreads and covers are in the possession of the Daniel sisters at the old home near Saluda. These were made on the old plantation at Elton.

Joseph Adams was married second to Miss Adaline Devore, daughter of Matthew Devore. She afterwards married Elbert Devore.

There were six children:

1. Emily Augusta married Col. William Marion Dean in 1856. They had three children, Edwin, Henry Rufus, and Francis Marion. While Col. Dean was in the army, Emily left the home they had established and lived with her father until Col. Dean was at home again from the war.

2. William Judson married Corrie Ouzts. They had thirteen children. He was a Confederate veteran and buried at Nicholson cemetery.

3. James Thos. Adams, buried at Nicholson cemetery. He was a Confederate veteran, Co. K, S. G. Artillery. Died June 1909, aged 74 years, unmarried.

4. Lieut. Hiram Luther Adams was wounded at Battle of Chickamauga. After the injury he was carried to Columbus, Miss., hospital, to the home of his uncle, Dr. Talbot Adams, where he died and was buried at a Baptist church near his uncle's home. This was near Warsaw, Miss.

5. Frances Elizabeth Adams, born





Oct. 8, 1845, was married to Capt. Walter Scott Allen just after his return to his home after the Confederate war. Died in 1922. They lived at Fruit Hill. There were 12 children, six of them living to be grown.

Children of Frances E. Adams and W. Scott Allen:

1. Frances Elizabeth Allen married W. W. Johnson (his second wife).

2. Maggie Sue Allen died at 16.

3. Mary Adeline Allen married Dr. Arthur H. Ashley.

4. Dr. Ben Lee Allen married Myrtle Coleman. Lived in Gaffney. Both died and left one son, now in the service.

5. Ossamus W. Allen, unmarried, living at Fruit Hill.

6. Walter Scott Allen married Rhett Warren, daughter of Frank Warren and Huldah Tompkins.

7. Joseph Adams Allen, Greenville, married Bernice Long. They have one son in service, and a daughter.

6. Susan Adeline Adams, dau. of Joseph and Frances E. Adams, was born Feb. 24, 1843. Dr. John Furman Daniel was born June 16, 1834, died June 23, 1908. They were married Jan. 12, 1871, after the death of her father, Joseph Adams. William Daniel, father of John F. Daniel, died Oct. 1870. Susan Adeline Daniel died July 31, 1924.

They lived at the old Daniel home, one of the fine old houses in that section, between Johnston and Saluda. This home is still standing.

There were seven children:

1. Winnie Simkins.

2. Emma Sue, died unmarried.

3. William Lowndes married Mary T. Nance.

4. Mary Alma, married 1905 John Baggott.

5. Julia Nicholson.

6. John Mobley, Attorney Gener-

al of South Carolina for 19 years. Married Pearle Richardson, daughter of James Madison and Mary Jane (McDowell) Richardson of Simpsonville, S. C., June 26, 1918.

7. James Anderson Daniel died at 2 1-2 years.

This line is descended from Judge Arthur Simkins through the marriage of William Simkins to Winnie Vardell. Their daughter, Lucretia, born 1789 died 1861, married Feb. 23, 1832, to John Mobley, born 1779, died 1857.

### MARY DOUGLASS

Although there is some doubt as to the name of the mother of Wright Nicholson's first five children, it is a fact that Mary Douglass was the mother of the last five. This information came from Mrs. Sallie Douglass Adams Cheatham of Liberty Hill, daughter of Abram Adams and Letitia Nicholson. The resulting search for wills revealed that John Douglass was the original ancestor. Reference is made to Mary Douglass, wife of Wright Nicholson, in his will which follows:

#### Will of John Douglass

In the Name of God Amen. I, John Douglass of the State of South Carolina and County of Edgefield, do make this my last will and Testament.

I give to my loving wife, Mary Douglass, my negro girl named Grace, with all her increase, and two feather beds and steads with the furniture, and two cows and calves of her choice and one sow and pigs and four barrows of her choice and two pewter dishes and two pewter basins and three pewter plates and one iron pot and one Dutch oven, one chest and one cotton wheel and cards and three chairs, and my white horse, all to





be disposed of at her decease as she thinks proper.

Item One. I give and bequeathe to my daughter Jean Weaver, one negro man named Prince.

Item 2. I give to my daughter Abigail Rushton one negro woman named Tener with her three children, namely Priscilla, Fana and Abraham with her increase forever.

Item 3. I give to my daughter, Mary Nicholson, two negroes, Judd and Nannie.

Item 4. I give to my daughter, Elizabeth Mason and the issue of her body lawfully begotten one negro woman named Fillis and her increase forever.

Item 5. I give to my daughter Lydia Bledsoe one negro named Joseph and negro boy named Lantry, she paying my granddaughter, Polly Douglass 40 dollars when she is 20 years old.

Item 6. I give to my daughter, Rachel Mobley one negro boy named Charles and one hundred acres of land on Pen Creek which is now possessed by her for her natural life, then to be sold and the money divided among her heirs lawfully begotten of her body.

Item 7. I give to my grandson, James Champin Douglass fifty acres of land, it being part of the planting his father lived on which I have laid out for him more or less.

Item 8. I give to my granddaughter Abigail Douglass one hundred acres of land lying on the cane brake branches above the road running from Edgefield C. H. to Lee's bridge on Big Saluda.

Item 9. I give to my granddaughter, Polly Douglass, one hundred acres of land joining the branch of Dry Creek where her mother now lives, it being a part of said survey.

Item 10. I give to my grandson Solomon Douglass 150 acres of land it being part of said survey, which is to be laid out to him on the north side of said survey, it lying on a branch of Dry Creek where his mother now lives.

Item 11. I have given to my daughter, Lelah Webb, one negro man named Will to her and her heirs forever.

Item 12. I will bequeathe that all the residue of my estate be sold and all my lawful debts be paid and all the money that is left I will and desire that it be divided among my beloved children, viz.: Jean Weaver, Abigail Rushton, Mary Nicholson, Elizabeth Mason, Lydia Bledsoe, Rachel Mobley and Lelah Webb.

And do make and constitute Wright Nicholson and Joseph Rushton sole executors of this my last will and Testament.

This day April 7, 1799.

John Douglass.

Witnesses: John Pope

Elizabeth Ogilvie

Recorded July 1799.

Mary Douglass, his wife, died in March 1809.

They had two sons, Lewis who died in 1792, and Solomon who was in Capt. Michael Watson's company during the Revolution. Lewis left his property to his sisters and children of his brother, Solomon. He must have left no family and was probably unmarried.

This John Douglass was in the Revolutionary war. He lived in what is now Saluda county. It is said that he and his wife came from Scotland. The families of his seven daughters became the most influential and substantial names on the Saluda side of Edgefield County.





The will of John Douglass was one of the oldest wills recorded in Edgefield County. He seemed to have much land and possessions for that day and time. He died the same year as George Washington, the Father of his Country.

Rev. John Gordon Douglass, Presbyterian minister and poet, wrote the author of this book that the double s in the name Douglass indicated the Scottish clan of the Lady of the Lake.

## IX DAVID NICHOLSON

David Nicholson was son of Wright Nicholson and his wife, Mary Douglass, daughter of John Douglass, who was also in the Revolution. See National numbers: 114018; 114021; 107973; and 74558 (Supplemental).

David Nicholson was born in Edgefield County, S. C., married Nancy Terry of the same county, and had six children:

1. James Wright Nicholson
2. Sarah Ann Nicholson
3. Mary Ann Nicholson
4. Rebecca Ann Nicholson
5. Joseph Talbot Nicholson, born Oct. 22, 1828.
6. David Shemuel Nicholson.

The first five children were born in Edgefield Co. Very soon after Joseph Talbot's birth, David moved to West Tennessee, bought a farm adjoining Alhambra, the plantation home of his brother, Wright Nicholson, II, made a home for his family, and here David Shemuel was born.

1. James Wright, the 1st son of David and Nancy (Terry) Nicholson, married Miss Newby. (Given name thought to be Martha) and had three sons: James Oswald, Charles and Jeff; and three daughters: Martha Fisk, Mrs. Susan Dou-

bleday, and Mrs. Sarah Allen.

2. Sarah Ann, David's second child, married (1) William Stanley of Boston and had two sons: James Edward Stanley and Marcus Aurelius Stanley, killed in the War Between the States. After Mr. Stanley's death, Sarah Ann married (2) Mr. Brooks. No children.

3 and 4. Mary Ann and Rebecca Ann, the third and fourth children of David, never married.

5. Joseph Talbot Nicholson, David's fifth child, married (1) Elizabeth Hathaway of Boston and had one child, Clarence Percival Joseph Nicholson. He married (2) Louisa Harkdider of a Virginia Dutch family who had come farther south. They had two children: John David Nicholson and Nancy Eunice (Nannie) Nicholson. John David died Dec. 24, 1868.

6. Shemuel David Nicholson, David's sixth child, married Senia Harbert. They reared two daughters and three sons: Emma who married (1) Walden; (2) Harris; (3) Hampon; and Mary who married King. The sons are Frank Harbert Nicholson, aged 85 who has a daughter, Mrs. Cleotis Llewellyn; (2) Edwin Nicholson, who has two sons: Aurelius Nicholson, aged about 42, and David Nicholson, aged about 45; (3) Melvin Nicholson, about 25.

These Nicholsons live in Arkansas. Clarence Percival Joseph, the only child of Joseph Talbot Nicholson and his first wife, Elizabeth Hathaway, married when quite young, a Miss Tenwood and had two children. Mother and children died. After some years Percy married Eliza Greenhill and had two daughters and four sons: One daughter, Florence, married Mr. Buchanan, had one daughter and died in 1938. The other, Bernice, married a Mr. Bagwell. They live in Seattle and have two sons: Glen





Allen, about 8, and Terry, about 4 years old.

Of the sons (1) Clarence married Lucy Neal. They have no children.

(2) Paul Edward Nicholson married Lois Rogers. They have Linda born Feb. 2, 1940, and Lyle Edward Nicholson, born April 25, 1943, a jolly, rollicking red-headed baby, the youngest Nicholson west of Edgefield. Paul E. Nicholson and family live in Seattle.

(3) Herman David Nicholson married Frances Pleasant and has two children: Herman Dennis Nicholson, born Jan. 30, 1939, and Victoria Ethel, born April 13, 1943.

(4) Carl Bentley Nicholson, the fourth son of Percival and Eliza (Greenhill) Nicholson, married Virginia Record and has two children: John David Record Nicholson, born Mar. 24, 1936, and Carolyn Ann Nicholson, born Oct. 29, 1939.

Clarence and Herman Nicholson own irrigated farms adjoining each other near Chandler, Arizona. Carl Bentley Nicholson lives in Hermit, Calif., near Los Angeles.

Virginia Record, Carl's wife, is of an old Welsh family that came to America in colonial days. She has her family tree back about 300 years and is eligible to D. A. R. through her father's family.

## XI

### REBECCA NICHOLSON

Rebecca was seventh child of Wright Nicholson. She was married first to James Anderson Moore. Their first child was William Moore who moved out West when a young man. His family (about 1899) was living in McKinney, Texas. One of his sons, James Moore, was a Baptist minister, and the other, W. T. Moore, a physician. The second son, Wright Nich-

olson Moore, lived near Epworth.

### Obituary of Wright Nicholson Moore

The Edgefield Advertiser records the passing of Wright Nicholson Moore, Oct. 25, 1865. He died at his residence in this district, aged 54 years. He was a member of the Mountain Creek church but later joined Fellowsnip church, where he served as deacon for a quarter of a century. He was for some time treasurer of Edgefield Baptist association. Wright N. Moore built the house now owned by Mrs. Mike Kinard at Epworth.

His last illness was caused by attendance on the association at Gilgal when he was still a convalescent. One of his last remarks was to his daughter, Susan, when he said to her, "I have done what I could and have given all things into the Master's hands." He was a very modest, unobtrusive man.

Sober commonsense made him a valuable adviser. His high sense of duty, unswerving fidelity and energy caused him to be relied upon and looked up to by a large circle of friends.

B. M., Jr., one of his servants, said of him: "I grieve over Mars Nicholson like I would over my wife and children. He was the best friend I ever had."

(Signed) E. W. Seibels.

He was the father of Mrs. S. M. Lipscomb; Mrs. J. W. Hill; Lewis M. Moore, at one time post master at Greenwood; and Thomas L. Moore, clerk of court at Abbeville.

The third child of Rebecca Nicholson Moore was Mary Ann Moore, about whom we have no record. She is mentioned in the will of her grandmother, Mary Douglass Nicholson.

"Right in front of the B. B.





Rhodes home—and this home is the old David Ouzts house—there is a paved highway which leads out to Epworth and at the Epworth store runs by the house buildt by Wright Nicholson Moore, known as 'Nick' Moore. This Moore house is now owned by the widow of J. M. C. Kinard, where she lives.

"The house built by Wright Nicholson Moore is in excellent condition. The owners have taken splendid care of it. Directly opposite it is the new house of the late Rev. W. P. Kinard.

"Fellowship Baptist church, an outgrowth of the old Cambridge Baptist church, is not far from Epworth and the original W. Nicholson Moore house. The church is on the paved road from Epworth to Ninety Six, about two miles from Epworth. Church now extinct and building recently sold to W. N. Henderson. Original building was burned not long after War Between the States. Has rather large cemetery.

"Capt. Wiley H. Holloway and two sisters are buried here and his mother, Rebecca Nicholson. There is one monument to all three. He died in Greenwood at the home of his nephew, Lewis M. Moore, in the spring of 1907 at the age of 86. The three named on the monument are: Rebecca, Martha and Susan. His other sister, Mrs. Simpson Mathews, is buried at Mathews family burying ground below Kirksey.

"In the Fellowship church cemetery are buried, with old fashioned flat slabs marking the graves on brick foundations, Wright Nicholson Moore and his wife. The inscriptions read:

Wright Nicholson Moore

born Mar. 14, 1811

died Oct. 15, 1865

For a quarter of a century he was a deacon in Fellowship Baptist

church

His wife

Susan Elizabeth Moore

born 1816—died 1879

"Some of their children are buried here:

"Wright Nicholson Moore married Susan E. Durrett who was of the Virginia family and a sister of the second wife of Dr. Thomas Lake, who built the brick house about two miles below Epworth."

Mrs. R. W. Townsend of Ninety Six sent the following record taken from the Fellowship cemetery:

Rebecca Nicholson Holloway died 1869, aged 77 years.

Susan G. Holloway died 1905, aged 85 years.

Martha A. Holloway, died 1900, aged 78 years.

Wright Nicholson Moore, born March 14, 1811, died Oct. 25, 1865.

Susan Elizabeth Moore, wife of Wm. Moore, born Feb. 9, 1816, died March 21, 1879.

Rebecca Nicholson married the second time Morris Pearson Holloway and had five children: (1) Martha; (2) Susan; (3) Capt. Wiley Holloway; (4) Sarah Ann; (5) Philip Holloway).

1. Martha Holloway was born in 1822. She never married. Her obituary follows:

Died, near Gaines, Greenwood county Sept. 13, 1899, Miss Martha Holloway, aged 77 years. She was buried at Fellowship church. She leaves one brother, Capt. Wiley H. Holloway, and one sister, Miss Susan Holloway. This is rather a remarkable family. Miss Susan who still lives (1899) is now 79 years of age and Capt. Holloway is 75 years of age. They are living in the old home where they were born. Neither of the three was ever married, though the ladies had offers from some of the best men in the county when they were young.

Capt. Holloway went to the field





of battle in 1861 at the first tap of the drum, in the First Regiment, McGowan's Brigade, in Gregg's old command. He served through the entire war, being wounded several times. They have one sister still living who is 87 years of age. (Mrs. Sarah Ann Matthews, the mother of Mr. S. P. Matthews of Kirksey, and lives with him.)

"But it was of the brothers and two sisters who lived so long together that I wished to speak. How often, when visiting their home, have I thought of those three beautiful characters we read of in the Bible, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. As they lived here so lovingly on earth, may they so live above.

2. Susan G. Holloway, born 1820, was unmarried. The foregoing obituary of her sister refers to her. She died in 1905.

3. Capt. Wiley Holloway was born in 1824, served with distinction in the War Between the States and was a prominent citizen of that section.

4. Sarah Ann Holloway married Simpson Matthews and had two children: (1) Simeon Pierce Holloway married Sallie Cade at Petersburg, Ga., and had two children, Susie Matthews who married J. P. Abney, Greenwood, and Lura Matthews, who married James C. Self, Greenwood. (2) Susan Matthews married John E. Partlow.

5. Philip Holloway was killed in the Confederate war in Ohio. He married Mary ----- After his death, Mrs. J. C. Self writes that her grandmother sent her husband to bring the widow and her two children home. They lived with the family there and Mary and her two children are buried at Mathews cemetery at Kirksey. The children, Miss Lizzie Holloway, died unmarried and lived and died at the Mathews home. Her brother,

Pierce Holloway, married Myra Stallworth, and had two children, Pierce and Mary.

Mr. Harry L. Watson of Greenwood writes that this Pierce Holloway was a nephew of Capt. Wiley H. Holloway.

"I know him well. He died in Augusta about twenty years ago and is buried there. It was his connection with the Holloways that brought about the burial of his wife, Myra Stallworth, in the Mathews-Holloway family burying ground. His father was Philip Holloway. Also I think the name should be 'Pearce' instead of 'Pierce' as the Holloway ancestor here was named Morris Pearson Holloway and the 'Pearce' is simply an abbreviated form of 'Pearson.' Pearce P. Holloway was raised by his uncle, Capt. Wiley H. Holloway. There is a Pearce Partlow buried in the Mathews family cemetery but he never married. Son of John E. Partlow."

Capt. Wiley H. Holloway and his sisters lived a short distance east of the home of B. B. Rhodes on the paved highway from Greenwood by Kirksey to Edgefield. The Rhodes home on this paved highway is about half a mile east of the old postoffice known as "Gaines," established by the late J. Milton Gaines, once State Senator from Edgefield.

"Capt. Wiley H. Holloway told me before his death that his father was Morris Pearson Holloway who came here from Virginia. Morris came here from Virginia.

"Morris Pearson Holloway, father of Capt. Wiley H. Holloway, had a store at what is now Epworth, then called 'Phoenix' in 1828, and was postmaster there.

#### Death of S. P. Matthews

S. P. Matthews was son of Sarah Ann Holloway Matthews and Simp-





son Matthews, and grandson of Rebecca Nicholson and Morris Holloway.

"S. P. Matthews, one of Greenwood county's most prominent business men and planters, died at his home at Kirksey last Friday night. The burial was held yesterday at 11 o'clock in the family burying ground near the residence. The funeral was conducted from the home by the Rev. J. E. Johnson of Phoenix. Mr. Matthews was in his 63rd year. He was graduated from Erskine college as a young man and at once began the management of the large farming interests left him by his father, Simpson Matthews. He was eminently successful and soon became interested in a number of business enterprises in Greenwood and elsewhere in the county. He had strong faith in the town of Greenwood and invested largely in different enterprises there and in Greenwood real estate, Ninety Six cotton mill, Durst-Andrews Company and senior member of the large mercantile firm of Matthews and Arrington at Kirksey.

"Mr. Matthews leaves two children, Miss Lura Matthews (now Mrs. J. C. Self) of Kirksey and Mrs. J. P. Abney, Greenwood."

The following were the dates on the stones at Kirksey, at Matthews cemetery:

Simpson Matthews, born Aug. 11, 1800, died Oct. 28, 1878, aged 78 years.

Sarah Ann Holloway, daughter of Rebecca Nicholson and Morris Holloway, wife of Simpson Matthews, born February 17, 1813, died May 13, 1900.

Their children:

1. Simeon Pierce Matthews, born July 3, 1852, died March 5, 1915; married Sallie Cade, born October 8, 1865, died Nov. 1, 1914. (A notice in Edgefield Advertiser says

their marriage took place at Elberton, Ga., officiating minister, Rev. J. F. McMillan.)

2. Sue Matthews, wife of John E. Partlow, born March 22, 1851, died Sept. 20, 1890. John E. Partlow was born June 29, 1845, died April 2, 1899.

Other stones record:

B. Pierce Partlow, born Aug. 17, 1876, died Oct. 4, 1898.

J. Simpson Partlow, born Oct. 28, 1871, died Sept. 17, 1906.

Myra Stallworth, wife of P. P. Holloway, July 18, 1871, died Aug. 10, 1892.

S. Lizzie Holloway, born Nov. 26, 1865, died July 9, 1892.

In a copy of The Advertiser, 1869 is the marriage notice of John E. Partlow and Sue, the daughter of Simpson Matthews, Esq., May 6, by Rev. John Trapp.

In 1891 The Advertiser records marriage of John Leslie Andrews, eldest daughter of John E. Partlow, July 19.

From Edgefield Advertiser:

"Died Oct. 25, 1878, at his residence in Edgefield County near Kirksey's Cross Roads, Mr. Simpson Matthews in his 79th year. Member Mountain Creek Baptist church. He was genial, pleasant and high toned, and his flow of humor was remarkable. He was very much attached to his grandchildren and devoted to his family.

"He leaves a wife (Sarah Ann Holloway Matthews) and two loving children."

Signed, R. W. Seymour.

His children were Simeon Pierce Matthews and Susan Matthews Partlow, wife of J. E. Partlow.





## XII LYDIA NICHOLSON

Lydia Nicholson, daughter of Wright and Mary Douglass Nicholson, is mentioned in both the wills of father and mother. As Mary Douglass made her will in 1821 and mentions Lydia, she was living at that time. No further record of her.

## XIII WRIGHT NICHOLSON, JR.

In 1829, Wright Nicholson, Jr. (1795-1870), son of Wright Nicholson and Mary Douglass, of Edgefield County, S. C., married Harriet Lucretia Cogburn (1807-1900), the daughter of Aaron Cogburn and Sarah Huff. In that same year the couple, with an older brother, David Nicholson, and his family, removed from South Carolina to West Tennessee, settling near the new village of Brownsville, which in 1923 celebrated its Centenary with a big "home coming."

Harriet later originated this little rhyme, which she taught her children:

"In eighteen hundred and twenty-nine

We crossed the old Palmetto line,  
To make our home in the far West,  
Because we thought it for the best."

A site in the wilderness was cleared for the first log cabin home. Afterward a handsome plantation home was built, later to be named "Alhambra" by a romantic daughter of the household, when she read Washington Irving. The house had wide verandahs and white columns and was furnished in the style of the times, marble topped tables, brass andirons, tufted horsehair-covered chairs, tester beds. In the parlor, papered in blue and white and gold, stood the old square piano. Without were the things always seen on plantations—orchards, vegetable gardens, pastures; the flower

garden, where flourished magnolias, crepe myrtles, macrophylla roses, huge clumps of bleeding heart, and other loved inhabitants of old-time gardens. The stile over the back yard fence (where in summer Early Harvest and Summer Queen apples fell with a "plunk," which always called out the children) led to a broad avenue on both sides of which the darkies lived. Down a lane one saw the big old cotton gin, with its huge horizontal wooden wheel turned by mule power; nearby, the smaller compress where the bales were made.

Years ago fire destroyed the Big House, the family was scattered far and wide; the plantation passed into other hands, only the family burying ground remaining in perpetuity in possession of the descendants of the pioneers. There, in a cedar-shaded grove, rest the pioneers and some of their children. Nearby are buried many of the family servants. Together they await the final resurrection, as in life they had lived in mutual affection and inter-dependence.

Wright Nicholson was well educated, a teacher and a great reader; his wife was energetic and ambitious. They were pioneers of the Baptist faith in their section, and their home was always the home of the visiting preachers. Their children occupied places of honor in the community, as their descendants still do, wherever located. Harriet Nicholson survived her husband nearly 30 years, dying at 93, loved by the whole countryside, and by the darkies, to whom she was still "Old Miss."

In 1859 Wright and Harriet Nicholson made a visit back to their former home in Edgefield, nearly 30 years after they had left it. En route, they stopped by Mary Sharpe College, in Winchester, Tennessee,





one of the very first schools in America for the higher education of women, for their daughter Texanna, who accompanied them east; and who ever after, in her long life, spoke with pleasure of meeting her kindred.

The children of Wright and Harriet Nicholson were:

1. John Cogburn (1830-1901). He graduated from a Philadelphia medical college, was Surgeon-Major in Gen. Joe Wheeler's Cavalry, C.S.A. He married Martha Conyers, settled near Montgomery, Ala., where he lived a long and useful life. His children were Conyers, Eugene, May (married J. M. Handy), Gertrude (m. J. R. Relfe), Jim and Fanny Augusta. Descendants of May and Gertrude live in Mt. Meigs, Ala.

2. Sarah Tabitha Cogburn died in childhood.

3. Frances Louisa (1835-1905). Married (1) Dr. Garland Taliaferro and (2) Philip Yancey of Halifax County, Va; had one son, Philip, Jr., now living in New York City.

4. Emily Augusta (1836-1893). She was named for the city of Augusta, Ga.; where her parents had once liked to visit, and for a lovely young South Carolina lady. Married G. W. Pace of Mississippi. Two daughters: Anna, m. W. D. Peterson of Jonesboro, Ark.; Hattie (1873-1908) m. Edward W. Flinn, Amory, Miss.

5. William Florentius. Died in infancy.

6. America Texanna (1841-1925) m. Robert Yancey Moses. Two children, Harriett, m. Edward W. Flinn in 1911 as his second wife; Robert Y., married Elizabeth Hay. The first wife of R. Y. Moses, Sr., was Pamela Wilson, d. of Joab and Mary (Tillman) Wilson of Edgefield.

7. South Carolina Letitia Rebecca (1847-1908) m. Thomas H. Nor-

vell, a gallant Confederate soldier and university graduate. They were survived by 2 sons, Hugh Norvell and John Conyers Norvell, M. D. All are now dead; each left one son, Joe Norvell and J. C. Norvell II, both of whom are now serving in our country's armed forces.

8. Wright, III, born 1854; died unmarried in 1897.

Mrs. Edward W. Flinn,  
Amory, Miss.

## XIX

### LETITIA NICHOLSON ABRAM ADAMS AND

Letitia Nicholson was the youngest daughter of Wright Nicholson and Mary Douglass. She married Abram Adams, b. 1796, d. 1875, a brother of Dr. James Fudge Adams, who was father of Susan Adams, Mrs. Shemuel W. Nicholson and her sister, Frances E. Adams who married Joseph Adams. These two families of Adams were not related.

Abram Adams died on his plantation about 3 miles beyond Limestone on the present road to McCormick. This cemetery is on the left side of the road just in sight of Mr. L. H. Corley's home and filling station. The home of Abram Adams, which was burned, was about two miles on towards McCormick.

The grove called Limestone which is seen just as you turn from Greenwood highway towards McCormick, was the home of Hiram Adams who married Lydia H. Gile of Littleton, N. H. These two families lived in the same neighborhood. Letitia Nicholson Adams was an aunt of Hiram Adams, his mother, Elizabeth Nicholson, having been her sister.

At the Abram Adams cemetery there is only one marble marker





which is to his daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who married Jasper H. Yeldell.

#### Children of Abram and Letitia Nicholson Adams

1. W. W. Adams born 1820, died 1872, a son of Abram and Letitia Adams, married first Savannah L. Sheppard of Liberty Hill, Dec. 15, 1846. She died Jan. 4, 1856, in her 26th year. This family is buried in the Edgefield Baptist church yard. Mr. Adams was a prominent lawyer and lived at former home of Mr. W. E. Lynch, joining the offices of Sheppard Brothers, which was burned. After his death, the place was bought by Mr. W. E. Lynch in 1879 when his mother, from Abbeville, and her daughter, Miss Minnie Lynch, came to Edgefield to live. This residence was occupied before that by Eldred Simkins.

Children of W. W. Adams and Savannah Sheppard Adams:

Walter Sheppard Adams married Lina Horde and lived in Edgefield. No children.

Edgar Adams moved to Texas and married there.

Lillie Adams married C. C. Fuller April 3, 1872, at her father's home at Edgefield.

Minnie Adams married Julian Hackett and lived in Augusta.

After the death of his first wife, W. W. Adams married the widow Hackett, formerly America E. Moore, born 1831, died 1897.

They had four children: W. W. Adams married Hattie Wise of Trenton in 1890; Annie Adams married J. G. Hilton; Bessie Adams married \_\_\_\_\_ Messerole and lived in Texas; Abram Adams, born 1868, died 1911, unmarried.

2. Mary Elizabeth Adams, daughter of Abram and Letitia Nicholson Adams, married Jasper H. Yeldell, and died March 21, 1851, leaving 2 children. Member of Gilgal church.

She was 30 years of age.

3. Frances Adams, dau. of Abram and Letitia Nicholson Adams, married James H. Yeldell, Nov. 23, 1852. They had following children: Jasper Yeldell; Edgar Yeldell died unmarried; Alice Yeldell married "Sonny" Corley, no children; Bessie Yeldell married \_\_\_\_\_ Williams.

4. Dr. Patrick Henry Adams, son of Abram and Letitia Nicholson Adams, born Dec. 27, 1833, died Dec. 8, 1898. He was graduated from the old South Carolina College, now the University of South Carolina, in the class of 1856; and was graduated in medicine from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1858. Dr. Adams entered the service of the Confederacy in 1861 and was third lieutenant of Co. I 24th S. C. Regiment. He was wounded at the Battle of Chancellorsville and upon his recovery was assigned to hospital duty as a surgeon. He was first married to Harriet Eliza DeVore on Dec. 19, 1867. She was a daughter of Elbert DeVore and Frances Caroline Sheppard DeVore and was born March 6, 1842. She died March 30, 1879. She and Dr. Adams had the following children: Abram Elbert Adams (1869-1935); Caroline Letitia Adams (1871-1882) died young; Harry Adams (1875-1912), unmarried. Two died in infancy.

Abram Elbert Adams, son of Dr. P. H. and Harriet DeVore, was married first to Louise Miner, second to Carol J. Jordan. They had three children: Patrick H. Adams called "Hal," who was twice married. Left no children. Died two years ago at the Veterans' Hospital in Columbia. His brother, considerably younger than he, Abram Elbert Jr., saw service in the present war as captain in the Medical Corps. Lives now in Orlando, Fla. Married in the fall of 1943 to Margaret Paris of Gainesville, Ga. He is a





gifted musician.

Dr. P. H. Adams married second Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Townes Dargan, the widow of the Rev. John Hugh Dargan. She was born May 10, 1849, and died March 28, 1905. She and Dr. Adams were married Dec. 18, 1884. They had one son, Patrick Henry Adams, Jr., of Maplewood, N. J., an electrical engineer for the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey. He is half-brother of Mrs. Harry L. Watson of Greenwood.

P. H. Adams, son of Dr. P. H. and Mrs. Elizabeth Townes Dargan Adams, was born Feb. 5, 1886. Married Louise Purdy of Haverstraw, N. Y., May 27, 1915, born Sept. 10, 1889, daughter of William Thurston Havens Purdy and Ella Edwards Purdy.

#### Children:

Grace Herben and Helen Louise (twins) born June 9, 1916, were married Oct. 19, 1940: Grace to John Andrew Palm, and Helen Louise to John C. Myers, Jr. The Palms live at 118 Stout Ave., Bound Brook, N. J. One son, John A., Jr., born Sept. 8, 1941. The Myers live at 708 Winding Way, Lake Jackson, Texas. Two daughters, Nancy Louise, born Dec. 12, 1941, and Carol Ann, born Oct. 15, 1943.

Patricia Ann, daughter of P. H. and Helen Louise Purdy Adams, married Howard Elmer Thompson of Haverstraw, June 10, 1940. They live at 489 Passaic Ave., Bloomfield N. J. Daughter, Dona Lee, born June 11, 1941.

The only son of P. H. and Helen Louise Purdy Adams, Heman Purdy Adams, born May 30, 1927.

5. Sallie Douglass Adams, daughter of Abram and Letitia Nicholson Adams, married John T. Cheatham, Nov. 1854, and they had the following children:

Walter Cheatham married Miss

Cox of Due West.

John Randolph married two sisters, Misses Harveley.

Abram Cheatham never married.

Lutie Cheatham married Luke White.

Julia Cheatham married Ellery Sheppard of Liberty Hill.

Carrie Cheatham married Robert (Bob) Quarles.

Fannie Cheatham married Bartow Quarles.

6. Carolina Edgefield Adams (Carrie), daughter of Abram and Letitia Nicholson Adams, never married.

7 and 8. Newton E. Adams and Belton O'N. Adams, sons of Abram and Letitia Nicholson Adams, both killed in Confederate war.

9. James Nicholson Adams, son of Abram Adams and Letitia Nicholson Adams, married Anna Fitzilla Terrell and they had:

William Harrison Adams married Betty Miles.

Heppie Carolina Adams married John Owen Grier.

John Patrick Adams and Lula Susan Adams, never married.

The Edgefield Advertiser of 1863 said James Nicholson Adams married Amanda, daughter of Aaron and Clarissa Terrell of Pickens Co., S. C.

#### ADDENDA

DAVID NICHOLSON, brother of Wright Nicholson, also came from Nash County, N. C. Miss Louise Sills wrote that Josiah Nicholson also came to this county, but record of him has not yet been discovered. A transaction between him and Wright Nicholson of Barkely (Berkely) County appears earlier in this sketch, in 1783.

David Nicholson was born 1738, died 1806, married Rhoda Whitehead. She was born 1740, died 1824. This information came from Mrs. Willie Bell Aycock, Selma,





Ala., descendant of David Nicholson.

David died about two years before his brother Wright, and the probability is that he and his wife are buried in the Nicholson cemetery.

#### David's Children

(In David's order on the treasurer for service in American Revolution, he said it was for himself "and his son Gedeon," although this son Gedeon seems not to be mentioned in David's will.)

1. Gedeon.
2. Josiah married Elizabeth.  
Child: Guillian.
3. Elsey (Alice) married Hezekiah Nobles who died in 1832.  
Children: Elizabeth Nobles married William Holloway; Harriett Amanda-Holloway - Collins; Sallie married John Bolger, Jr.; Rhoda married Marshall Bean; John, Mark, Luke.
4. Abigaill, fourth child of David and Rhoda Whitehead Nicholson, born 1766, died 1843, married Davis Williams, born 1764, died 1829.
5. Rhoda married (1) Charles Lane; (2) ----- Jackson.
6. Theophilus (signed will of Thomas Adams, 1809).

7. J. W. Nicholson.

Nathan Whitehead's will is of record in Nash County, N. C., in which he mentions his daughter, Rhoda Nicholson. Will was written March 20, 1778, proven April 1779.

David Nicholson had the following grants of land: 18 acres, Edgefield, March 1, 1801; 134 acres, Ninety Six, Nov. 6, 1786.

David Nicholson's Revolutionary War record, according to A. S. Salley:

"David Nicholson was a soldier of the Revolution. His pay record shows that he received £3:2s:10½d for militia duty rendered after the fall of Charleston (May 12, 1780). The account was one of those rendered by Col. Robert Anderson. Col. Anderson had been assigned the duty as Commissioner of Ninety Six District of obtaining the records of that district and passing upon them himself. The bills all read, 'duty per Col. Anderson's return.' The Justice of the Peace (Russell Wilson) before whom David Nicholson made his affidavit recites that the service was done in Col. Purvis's Regiment."







PARLOR OF "CEDAR GROVE"

Home of Mr. R. H. Nicholson, Mrs. Hallie Nicholson-Greener and Miss Sallie May Nicholson, on Greenwood Highway above Edgefield.





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